

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1728**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the accountability of the governor’s council.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1728) of Bruce E. Tarr, Viriato M. deMacedo, Robert L. Hedlund, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and others for legislation relative to the accountability of the governor's council. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1538 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the accountability of the governor’s council.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Section 18 of Chapter 30A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of “public body” and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following definition:-

4           “Public body”, a multiple-member board, commission, committee or subcommittee  
5 within the executive, including, without limitation, the Executive Council, or legislative branch  
6 or within any county, district, city, region or town, however created, elected, appointed or  
7 otherwise constituted, established to serve a public purpose; provided, however, that the  
8 governing board of a local housing, redevelopment or other similar authority shall be deemed a  
9 local public body; provided, further, that the governing board or body of any other authority  
10 established by the general court to serve a public purpose in the commonwealth or any part

11 thereof shall be deemed a state public body; provided, further, that “public body” shall not  
12 include the general court or the committees or recess commissions thereof, bodies of the judicial  
13 branch or bodies appointed by a constitutional officer solely for the purpose of advising a  
14 constitutional officer, excepting the Executive Council, and shall not include the board of bank  
15 incorporation or the policyholders protective board; and provided further, that a subcommittee  
16 shall include any multiple-member body created to advise or make recommendations to a public  
17 body.”