

HOUSE No. 1687

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 social gatherings of elected officials.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1687) of Paul McMurtry for legislation to allow for certain social gatherings of elected officials under the open meeting law. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to social gatherings of elected officials.

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

1 The first paragraph of subsection (c) of section 20 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in chapter 485 of the acts of 2014, is hereby amended by adding the following
3 sentence:-

4 Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, an elected local public body may meet no more
5 than 2 times per year without filing or posting notice of such meeting; provided, that the meeting
6 shall not relate to any official business of the elected local public body and shall be social or
7 organizational in nature.