

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1653**

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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 to promote civic engagement in setting the income tax rate.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1653) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to promote civic engagement in setting the income tax rate. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to promote civic engagement in setting the income tax rate.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 4 of chapter 62 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting at the end thereof the following sentence:- “Part B taxable income shall not  
3 be taxed at a rate of more than 5.2 per cent unless said rate is approved by the initiative petition  
4 process provided for in Articles XLVIII, LXXIV and LXXXI of the Amendments of the  
5 Massachusetts Constitution.”