

SENATE No. 1702

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 enhancing access to electronic public records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James B. Eldridge

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Worcester

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1702) of James B. Eldridge for legislation to enhance access to electronic public records. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act enhancing access to electronic public records.

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 19 of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (c) Every city or town that operates a public website shall provide on that website
4 searchable electronic copies, accessible in a commonly available electronic format, of public
5 records pursuant to clause twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4, provided that any city or town
6 may withhold any record or portion thereof in accordance with state or federal law.