

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1702**

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**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.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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