

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1767

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

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*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.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1767) of Bruce E. Tarr 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. 1728 OF 2015-2016.]

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

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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 2016  
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.”