

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 providing notice of public information requests.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/13/2022</i>

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to further regulate notices of public information requests. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act providing notice of public information requests.

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. Chapter 66 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 Section 6A (b) by inserting after “(iii) prepare guidelines that enable a person seeking access to
3 public records in the custody of the agency or municipality to make informed requests regarding
4 the availability of such public records electronically or otherwise” the following paragraph:

5 “(iv) shall notify the individuals, boards or agencies which are the subject matter of the
6 public records request within 7 days of the request and providing them with a copy of the
7 request.