

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1556**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Steven S. Howitt*

*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 safety and privacy for elected officials.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1556) of Steven S. Howitt and Alan Silvia relative to protests or demonstrations within 100 yards of the residences of elected officials. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to safety and privacy for elected officials.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 264 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting, after Section 23, the following new Section:-

3 SECTION 24. No elected official in the commonwealth shall be subjected to protests or  
4 demonstrations within 100 yards of their residence or place of active domicile. If any person who  
5 conducts such a protest or demonstration within 100 yards of the residence or active domicile of  
6 an elected official in the commonwealth is asked by law enforcement to disperse and refuses to  
7 do so, such person shall be subject to imprisonment in a House of Correction for not more than  
8 one year or by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or  
9 both.