

HOUSE No. 1533

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 requiring community meetings before the opening of an emergency overflow shelter.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1533) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to requiring community meetings before the opening of emergency overflow shelters. Housing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act requiring community meetings before the opening of an emergency overflow shelter.

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 30 of chapter 23B of the General Laws, as appearing the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following subparagraph:-

3 (H) At least one month prior to the opening of any overflow emergency shelter site, the
4 director of the emergency shelter program, or their designee, shall hold at least one community
5 meeting in the host community related to said emergency overflow shelter site, provided that
6 notice for the meeting shall be posted on the website for the executive office of housing and
7 livable communities and a copy of the notice shall be sent to the host community.

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.