

HOUSE No. 1605

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael S. Chaisson

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 juror comprehension.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael S. Chaisson</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/26/2025</i>

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By Representative Chaisson of Foxborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1605) of Michael S. Chaisson and Marcus S. Vaughn relative to juror information cards. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1395 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to juror comprehension.

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 62 of Chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the word “terminology.” in line 7, the following:-

3 The court shall provide each juror a physical information card clearly defining the
4 charges and legal terms applicable to the trial for which the juror was selected. The court shall
5 replace the card upon request.