

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jay D. Livingstone

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 to address arbitration and litigation relief.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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

An Act to address arbitration and litigation relief.

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 20 of chapter 223 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

3 (X) “Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, any person who is at least 18 years
4 old and not a party may serve a summons and complaint for all civil actions pending in District
5 Court, Boston Municipal Court, or Superior Court.”

6 SECTION 2: Section 32 of chapter 260 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after “matter of form,” the following: “or a
8 dismissal as a result of an arbitration agreement,”