

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

---

**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 ensuring transparency in property deed requests.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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

---

---

[Pin Slip]

---

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act ensuring transparency in property deed 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 Chapter 62C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding, after Section 64, the following new section:-

3 Section 64A. The secretary of state or the register of deeds in a county shall maintain a  
4 record of all requests to access a property deed. The secretary of state or register of deeds shall  
5 notify a property owner when a record request has been made on the property owner’s deed.  
6 Such notification shall be made through mail to the property no later than 10 business days after  
7 the deed has been requested.