

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 the open meeting law.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Thomas E. Ellis, Jr.</i>		<i>1/13/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2981 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to the open meeting law.

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

1 Subsection (c) of section 44A ½ of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

3 Notwithstanding sections 18 to 25, inclusive, of chapter 30A or any other general or
4 special law to the contrary, when conducting interviews as part of the selection process, a public
5 agency: (i) shall develop a process to ensure that a bidder or a representative of that bidder may
6 not witness or attend, whether in-person or remotely, the interview of another bidder for the
7 same contract; and (ii) shall not publicly disseminate or post written testimony or video from an
8 interview until the interviews of all bidders for that contract are completed.