

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 extend the open meeting law requirements for remote meeting participation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2025</i>
<i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>3/12/2025</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>3/13/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bruce E. Tarr and Todd M. Smola for legislation to extend remote participation in the open meeting law. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to extend the open meeting law requirements for remote meeting participation.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow public meetings to include a remote component, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 2 of the Acts of 2023 in Section 40 is hereby amended by striking the words
- 2 "March 31, 2025" and inserting in place thereof the following words: -- "March 31, 2026".