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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 promoting transparency in local government.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 937) of Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to promote transparency in local government. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act promoting transparency in local government.

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

SECTION 2. Section 44 of chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 44 the following section:-

Section 44A. (a) Each city and town shall annually provide an official electronic copy of its current annual operating budget to the division of local services within the department of revenue.

(b) The division of local services shall post the current annual operating budget for each city and town in an electronic database on the department's website.

(c) The division of local services shall promulgate regulations necessary to carry out this section.