

SENATE No. 10

To accompany the petition of Silvio O. Conte that provision be made for open meetings of boards, commissions and committees in cities of the Commonwealth. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR OPEN MEETINGS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES IN CITIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 43 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 36 the following section:—
3 *Section 36A.* Notwithstanding any provision of law
4 to the contrary, all meetings of any board, commission
5 or committee, whether established by city charter or by
6 general or special law, of a city shall be open to the
7 public, except that such board, commission or committee
8 may by a two-thirds vote of the members thereof hold
9 an executive session which shall be private. “Execu-
10 tive session”, as used in this section shall mean a dis-
11 cussion or deliberation of matters which would adversely
12 affect the public security, the financial interests of the
13 city or the reputation of any employee or citizen thereof,
14 if open meetings thereon were held.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 10, 1870.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 10, 1870.

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1. The Commission of the Land Office, created by the Senate on the 10th of February, 1870, has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Surveyors-General, and to transmit herewith the same to the Senate, in compliance with the provisions of the resolution which authorized its appointment.