

HOUSE No. 765

By Mr. O'Connor of Springfield, petition of Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., for legislation to provide that meetings of state, county and municipal boards be open to the public. State Administration. •

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALL MEETINGS OF STATE, COUNTY OR MUNICIPAL BOARDS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

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

1 SECTION 1. Except where existing statutes or ordi-
2 nances provide otherwise, all meetings of every state,
3 county and municipal board, except the judiciary,
4 shall be open to the public.

1 SECTION 2. Such boards may meet in executive or
2 closed session for discussion purposes only, but not to
3 defeat the purposes of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Any person violating any provision of
2 this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on con-
3 viction, shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more
4 than five hundred dollars.

