

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of Angelo Marotta, Richard T. Moore, Joseph N. Hermann, John A. Businger and Marie-Louise Kehoe relative to further regulating meetings of governmental bodies. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING MEETINGS OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

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. The seventh paragraph of section 11A½ of chap-
2 ter 30A of the General Laws, as amended by section 3 of chapter
3 372 of the acts of 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the
4 following sentence: — No votes taken in open session shall be by
5 secret ballot.

1 SECTION 2. The seventh paragraph of section 9G of chapter 34
2 of the General Laws, as amended by section 7 of said chapter 372, is
3 hereby further amended by adding the following sentence: — No
4 votes taken in open session shall be by secret ballot.

1 SECTION 3. Section 23A of chapter 39 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the definition of “governmental
3 body”, as amended by section 5 of chapter 397 of the acts of 1976,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following definition: —
5 “Governmental body”, every board, commission, committee or
6 subcommittee of any district, city, region or town, however elected,
7 appointed or otherwise constituted, and the governing board of a
8 local housing, redevelopment or similar authority; provided, how-
9 ever, that this definition shall not include a town meeting.

1 SECTION 4. The seventh paragraph of section 23B of said
2 chapter 39, as amended by section 11 of chapter 372 of the acts of
3 1978, is hereby further amended by adding the following
4 sentence: — No votes taken in open session shall be by secret ballot