

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5245

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By Mr. Natsios of Holliston, petition of Andrew S. Natsios for legislation to provide that "field cards" used by tax assessors shall not be open to public inspection. Taxation.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING THAT "FIELD CARDS" USED BY TAX ASSESSORS SHALL NOT BE OPEN TO PUBLIC INSPECTION.

*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 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 43 the following section: —

3 *Section 43A.* The valuation of property and the assessment of  
4 taxes thereon shall be a public record open to inspection and copy-  
5 ing by any member of the public, provided, however, that field  
6 cards used in the assessment process shall not be open to public  
7 inspection and copying without the express, written consent of the  
8 owner of the affected property.

