

HOUSE No. 465

By Mr. Wall of Lawrence, petition of William X. Wall for legislation to provide for open meetings of boards, commissions and committees in cities and towns. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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

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 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 1 the following section:—

3 *Section 1A.* Notwithstanding any provision of law
4 to the contrary, all meetings of any board, commission
5 or committee of any city or town shall be open to the
6 public, except that such board commission or com-
7 mittee may by vote of the members thereof hold an
8 executive session which shall be private.

9 “Executive session”, as used in this section shall
10 mean a discussion or deliberation of matters which would
11 adversely affect the public security, the financial in-
12 terests of the city or town, or reputation of any em-
13 ployee or citizen thereof, if open meetings thereon were
14 held.

By the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives
in conformity with a resolution of the House of Representatives
passed August 1, 1914.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year of the Republic the Second and Thirtieth

of the Legislature now being held at the State House in
Boston on the Twenty-third day of January, 1915.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Conference assembled, and by the majority of the same,
as follows:

1. Chapter 104 of the Laws of 1914 is hereby amended
2. by inserting after section 1 the following section:
3. "Section 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary
4. in this chapter, the marriage of any party heretofore
5. declared to be null and void shall be deemed to have
6. been lawfully solemnized and valid if the
7. parties thereto were at the time of the same
8. "lawfully" as defined in section 1 of chapter 104 of the
9. Laws of 1914, and if the same were solemnized
10. in accordance with the provisions of said chapter
11. at the time of the same, and if the parties thereto
12. were at the time of the same, or later, or together
13. in any other manner, and if the same were solemnized
14. in accordance with the provisions of said chapter
15. at the time of the same, and if the parties thereto
16. were at the time of the same, or later, or together
17. in any other manner, and if the same were solemnized
18. in accordance with the provisions of said chapter
19. at the time of the same, and if the parties thereto
20. were at the time of the same, or later, or together