

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to Eliminate Waste and Improve Public Oversight of State Agencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act to Eliminate Waste and Improve Public Oversight of State Agencies.

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. Notwithstanding any other provisions of general or special law to the contrary,
2 every agency, authority or other unit of state government that is required by law or regulation to issue an
3 annual report shall issue such report in electronic format and shall not be required to print and distribute
4 said report. Each agency required to issue an annual report shall post such report in a format available to
5 the public and shall solicit public comment relative to the contents of said report. Each such agency shall
6 promulgate rules and regulations to ensure review and appropriate consideration of any public comments
7 so received, and shall include a summary of such actions in the next subsequent annual report.

8 For the purposes of this section, "state agency" shall mean:

9 (1) An executive office, department, commission, board, office, or other agency that is in the executive
10 branch of state government or any public authority that was established by the constitution or a statute of
11 the commonwealth;

12 (2) The state university system or a public institution of higher education.

13 SECTION 2. Section 15 of Chapter 7 of the General laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
14 inserting at the end of the first sentence, the following: -

15 provided, further, that no bill for printing shall be approved, unless the agency requesting approval shall
16 satisfactorily demonstrate that the document or documents to be printed could not have been provided in
17 electronic or digital format and made available to the public in a manner that could be downloaded and
18 printed by anyone wishing to obtain a copy of the document or documents.

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20 SECTION 3. Section 15 of Chapter 7 of the general laws, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by
21 inserting in the second sentence, after the words "expert in printing," the words: -
22 or an expert in information technology.