

HOUSE No. 2836

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to public participation in the sale of public property.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

26th Middlesex

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By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2836) of Timothy J. Toomey, Jr. relative to public participation in the sale of public property. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to public participation in the sale of public property.

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. Section 33 of chapter 7C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting after “acres” in line 104 the following:- “or if the
3 total floor area of all structures on the property is equal to or greater than 25,000 square feet”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 34 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5 inserting after “acres” in line 77 the following:- “or if the total floor area of all structures on the
6 property is greater than or equal to 25,000 square feet”.

7 SECTION 3. Said section 33 of said chapter 7C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
8 striking the eleventh paragraph and inserting the following paragraph:-

9 “The commissioner shall convene an advisory committee to advise him on reuses and to
10 recommend reuse restrictions for property declared surplus if the property exceeds two acres or
11 25,000 square feet of floor area, or if the commissioner determines that an advisory committee
12 should be convened for a smaller parcel; provided however that the commissioner shall not

13 convene a new advisory committee to advise on reuses if a re-use committee is currently active.
14 If an advisory committee is convened, the commissioner shall invite the representatives to the
15 general court from the districts in which the parcel is located, and the chief executive from the
16 city or town in which the property is located and the chief executive's designee to serve on the
17 committee. The chief executive of the city or town in which the property is located shall appoint
18 three residents of that city or town to serve on the committee. The commissioner shall prepare a
19 preliminary report on his findings, which shall include both his recommendation, and those of
20 the advisory committee if established, for reuse restrictions for the property.”