

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 651**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 procedures of the housing appeals committee.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James M. Cantwell*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Plymouth*

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 651) of James M. Cantwell relative to meetings and procedures of the housing appeals committee. Housing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1084 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to procedures of the housing appeals committee.

*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 22 of chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the word “applicant” in line 20, the following:-

3 “; provided, that a majority of the members of the committee be present for hearing  
4 evidence in order to vote on cases before the committee; and provided further, that all committee  
5 deliberations relative to cases before the committee be open to the public.”