

HOUSE No. 1395

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

F. Jay Barrows

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 juror comprehension.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>

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By Representative Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1395) of F. Jay Barrows relative to juror information cards. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to juror comprehension.

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 3 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “not feasible,” in line 12, the
3 following:-

4 “The court shall provide each juror a physical information card clearly defining the
5 charges and legal terms applicable to the trial for which the juror was selected. The court shall
6 replace the card upon request.”