

HOUSE No. 1556

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven S. Howitt

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 safety and privacy for elected officials.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>

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By Representative Howitt of Seekonk, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1556) of Steven S. Howitt and Alan Silvia relative to protests or demonstrations within 100 yards of the residences of elected officials. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE [Refile Branch], NO. OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to safety and privacy for elected officials.

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 264 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting, after Section 23, the following new Section:-

3 SECTION 24. No elected official in the commonwealth shall be subjected to protests or
4 demonstrations within 100 yards of their residence or place of active domicile. If any person who
5 conducts such a protest or demonstration within 100 yards of the residence or active domicile of
6 an elected official in the commonwealth is asked by law enforcement to disperse and refuses to
7 do so, such person shall be subject to imprisonment in a House of Correction for not more than
8 one year or by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars or more than five hundred dollars, or
9 both.