

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1785**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Chris Walsh*

*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 the architect laureate.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	<i>Second Middlesex and Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1785) of Chris Walsh and others for legislation to establish the position of state architect laureate to promote greater appreciation of the architectural history of the State House and other public buildings in the commonwealth. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4401 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to the architect laureate.

*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. Chapter 6 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after Section 38, the following section:-

3 Section 38B. (a) (a) (a) Biennially, on or before March 31, the governor may appoint an  
4 architect laureate for the commonwealth of Massachusetts from a list of 3 nominees submitted  
5 by the architect laureate nominating committee pursuant to subsection (b). The architect laureate  
6 shall be an advocate for the physical, historic and aesthetic nature of the state house and seek to  
7 raise the consciousness of all people to a greater appreciation of the architecture and architectural  
8 history of the state house and other architecturally significant public buildings in the  
9 commonwealth. The architect laureate shall be appointed to serve for a term of 2 years or until a

10 successor is appointed and qualified as provided in this section. In the event of a vacancy in the  
11 office of architect laureate, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
12 appointment.

13 (b) The nominating committee shall consist of the following 5 members or their  
14 designees, 1 of whom shall be a member of the senate appointed by the senate president, 1 of  
15 whom shall be a member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house,  
16 and 3 of whom shall be appointed by the governor. The members of the nominating committee  
17 shall serve without compensation and shall elect from their number a member who shall serve as  
18 chair.

19 (c) The nominating committee shall request and receive 5 nominations for the selection  
20 of the architect laureate for the commonwealth of Massachusetts from the Massachusetts chapter  
21 of the American Institute of Architects. Nominees shall be residents of the commonwealth and  
22 shall provide biographical and professional information, as well as supporting representative  
23 material, explaining why, based on their architectural accomplishments, they deserve recognition  
24 as the architect laureate for commonwealth of Massachusetts. The nominating committee shall  
25 review all nominations and select 3 nominees to submit along with supporting representative  
26 material, to the governor biennially on or before February 1.

27 (d) The architect laureate shall be an honorary position and the person appointed shall  
28 receive no remuneration and shall not be considered a state official or state employee for such  
29 person's service as the architect laureate.