

HOUSE No. 2931

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: |
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| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i> | <i>8th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Shawn Dooley</i> | <i>9th Norfolk</i> |
| <i>Ellen Story</i> | <i>3rd Hampshire</i> |
| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i> | <i>7th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i> | <i>23rd Middlesex</i> |

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. [BILL NUMBER]) of Chris Walsh 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3811 OF 2013-2014.]

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

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. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 20 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 21. (a) The governor shall select an architect laureate from a list of 3 nominees
4 submitted by the nominating committee pursuant to this paragraph. The governor shall appoint
5 the architect within 30 days after receiving the list of nominees. The architect shall be appointed
6 to serve for a term of 5 years or until a successor is appointed.

7 The nominating committee shall consist of 7 members, 2 of whom shall be members of
8 the senate appointed by the senate president, 1 of whom shall be a member of the senate

9 appointed by the senate minority leader, 2 of whom shall be members of the house of
10 representatives appointed by the speaker of the house, 1 of whom shall be a member of the house
11 of representatives appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives, and 1 of
12 whom shall be appointed by the governor. The members of the nominating committee shall serve
13 without compensation.

14 Before the expiration of the term of the architect or upon a vacancy in the position, the
15 nominating committee shall request and receive 5 nominations for the selection of the architect
16 from the Massachusetts chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The nominating
17 committee shall review all nominations and select 3 nominees who are residents of the
18 commonwealth and have achieved fellow status within the American Institute of Architects.
19 With the names of the 3 nominees, the nominating committee shall submit to the governor
20 biographical and professional information about each nominee along with supporting
21 representative material that shows why the nominee is deserving of appointment as the architect
22 laureate.

23 (b) The architect laureate shall be an honorary position and the person appointed shall
24 receive no remuneration and shall not be considered a state official or employee for such
25 person's service. The architect laureate shall be an advocate for the physical, historic and
26 aesthetic nature of the state house and seek to raise the consciousness of all people to a greater
27 appreciation of the architecture and architectural history of the state house and other
28 architecturally significant public buildings in the commonwealth.