

HOUSE No. 3150

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey

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 relating to access to public records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>William Francis Galvin</i>	<i>Secretary of the Commonwealth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/6/2021</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3150) of Sean Garballey, William Francis Galvin and Thomas M. Stanley relative to access to public records. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relating to access to public records.

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 7 of Chapter 66 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
2 inserting at the end thereto the following sentence: All records in the custody of the state
3 secretary shall be open to public inspection and available for copying after the expiration of
4 ninety years from creation of the record.

5 SECTION 2. Section 2A of Chapter 46 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by
6 striking out, in the first sentence, the words “children born out of wedlock or” and “or those of
7 persons born out of wedlock”.