

**SENATE . . . . . No. 845**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian A. Joyce, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 custody of minors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Amy Weinstein*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*48 Laurel Rd*

*Milton MA 02186*

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By Mr. Joyce (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 845) of Amy Weinstein for legislation relative to the custody of minors. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to custody of minors.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Said chapter 190B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph  
2 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

3 (a) The court may appoint as guardian any person whose appointment would be in the  
4 best interest of the minor. The court shall equally consider a person nominated by the minor, if  
5 the minor is 14 or more years of age, unless the court finds the appointment contrary to the best  
6 interest of the minor.