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# **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, DC 20549

## **FORM N-PX**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act File Number : **811-04518**

Name of Registrant:

**Putnam Massachusetts Tax Exempt Income  
Fund**

Address of Principal Executive Offices: **One Post Office Square**  
**Boston, Massachusetts 02109**

Name and address of agent of service: **Robert T. Burns**  
**Putnam Massachusetts Tax Exempt Income Fund**  
**One Post Office Square**  
**Boston, Massachusetts 02109**

CC: **Bryan Chegwidden, Esq.**  
**Ropes & Gray LLP**  
**1211 Avenue of the Americas**  
**New York, New York 10036**

Registrant's telephone number including area code: **(617) 292-1000**

Date of fiscal year end: **05/31**

Date of reporting period: **07/01/2016 - 06/30/2017**

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**Registrant:** Putnam Massachusetts Tax Exempt Income Fund  
**Fund Name:** Putnam Massachusetts Tax Exempt Income Fund  
**Date of Fiscal Year End:** 05/31

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**Commonwealth of  
Puerto Rico**

<b>Ticker</b>	<b>Security ID:</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Status</b>		
N/A	CUSIP 16876QBE8	03/30/2017	Take No Action		
<b>Meeting Type</b>	<b>Country of Trade</b>				
Special	United States				
<b>Issue No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Mgmt Rec</b>	<b>Vote Cast</b>	<b>For/Agnst Mgmt</b>
1	Bondholder Proposal	Mgmt	N/A	TNA	N/A

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<b>Ticker</b>	<b>Security ID:</b>	<b>Meeting Date</b>	<b>Meeting Status</b>			
N/A	CUSIP 16876QBF5	11/30/2016	Take No Action			
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Consent	United States					
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**Commonwealth of Puerto Rico**

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N/A	CUSIP 74514LB63	11/30/2016	Take No Action			
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Consent	United States					
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N/A	CUSIP 16876QBE8	12/14/2016	Take No Action			
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Special	United States					
<b>Issue No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Proponent</b>	<b>Mgmt Rec</b>	<b>Vote Cast</b>	<b>For/Agnst Mgmt</b>	
1	Bondholder Proposal	Mgmt	N/A	TNA	N/A	

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Any ballot marked 'Abstain' is considered to have been voted. Ballots marked 'Abstain' are considered to have been voted against management's recommendation if management's recommendation is 'For' or 'Against,' and for

management's recommendation if management's recommendation is 'Abstain.' Where management has recommended that shareholders 'Abstain' from voting on a ballot item, a ballot marked 'For' or 'Against' is considered to have been voted against management's recommendation to 'Abstain.'

Where management has made no recommendation on a ballot item, 'N/A' is used to indicate that there is no management recommendation that a shareholder may vote 'For' or 'Against.'

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Registrant: **Putnam Massachusetts Tax Exempt Income Fund**

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By: **/s/ Jonathan S. Horwitz**

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Name: **Jonathan S. Horwitz**

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Title: **Executive Vice President, Principal Executive Officer and  
Compliance Liaison**

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Date: **August 16, 2017**

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