
By Mr. Foster, petition of A. Frank Foster for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Recreation Board. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS RECREATION BOARD.

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 is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 17, as most recently amended
3 by section 1 of chapter 418 of the acts of 1959, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section: — *Section 17.* The
5 armory commission, the art commission, the commission on
6 administration and finance, the commissioner of veterans'
7 services, the commissioners on uniform state laws, the public
8 bequest commission, the state ballot law commission, the board
9 of trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts, the board
10 of trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, the milk regula-
11 tion board, the alcoholic beverages control commission, the
12 state housing board, the trustees of the state library, the state
13 racing commission, the Greylock reservation commission, the
14 Port of Boston commission, the Massachusetts commission
15 against discrimination, the state airport management board,
16 weather amendment board, council for the aging, the boxers'
17 fund board, Massachusetts commission on atomic energy,
18 finance advisory board, medical, dental and nursing scholar-
19 ship board, retirement law commission, the Massachusetts
20 aeronautics commission, the obscene literature control commis-
21 sion, the Massachusetts rehabilitation commission, the commis-
22 sion on employment of the handicapped and the Massachusetts
23 recreation board shall serve under the governor and council,

24 and shall be subject to such supervision as the governor and
25 council deem necessary and proper.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 6 is hereby further amended by
2 adding after section 107, added by section 3 of said chapter
3 662, the following three sections, under the caption MASSA-
4 CHUSETTS RECREATION BOARD: — *Section 108.* There
5 shall be a board, to be known as the Massachusetts recreation
6 board, in this section and sections one hundred and nine and
7 one hundred and ten called the board. The board shall con-
8 sist of the director of the division of state planning in the de-
9 partment of commerce, the commissioner of the metropolitan
10 district commission, the commissioner of education, the com-
11 missioner of natural resources, or an employee in each of said
12 departments designated in writing by the director or commis-
13 sioner thereof, and five citizens of the commonwealth to be
14 appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the
15 council. One of the appointive members shall be designated
16 by the governor as chairman. The appointive members shall,
17 so far as possible, be representative of community recreation
18 interests; at least one shall be a woman, and not more than
19 two shall be residents of metropolitan Boston. Each appointive
20 member of the board shall serve until the qualification of his
21 successor, who shall be appointed in like manner, for the term
22 of five years. Any vacancy shall be filled for the remainder
23 of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original ap-
24 pointment. The board shall meet upon call by the chairman,
25 or upon written request of three board members.

26 *Section 109.* It shall be the function and duty of the
27 board: —

28 (a) To assist, advise, confer, and co-operate with those
29 branches of state and municipal government and private or-
30 ganizations that are engaged in meeting the recreational needs
31 of the citizens of the commonwealth through non-profit rec-
32 reational programs in the counties, cities, towns, and rural
33 areas of the commonwealth.

34 (b) To seek to strengthen, co-ordinate and stimulate the
35 efforts of public and private agencies in so far as they are con-
36 cerned with meeting the recreational needs of the citizens of

37 the commonwealth, to the end that the full use of recreational
38 facilities within the commonwealth may be encouraged.

39 (c) To serve as a clearing house for information and serv-
40 ices on community recreation.

41 (d) To submit annually to the governor a comprehensive
42 report of its activities and of the recreational needs of the
43 state, and recreational services rendered by the commonwealth.

44 *Section 110.* The board shall be provided with suitable
45 offices in the commonwealth and may expend for expenses
46 necessary or reasonable in connection with its duties, such
47 sums as may be appropriated therefor. The board shall ap-
48 point an executive secretary whose salary and period of service
49 shall be fixed by the board. The board may employ such other
50 persons as may be necessary to carry on efficiently the pur-
51 poses of the board. The members of the board shall serve
52 without compensation; but they shall be reimbursed for neces-
53 sary traveling and other expenses, and disbursements incurred
54 or expended in the performance of their official duties.

55 The board may receive, in trust for the commonwealth, any
56 gift, devise or bequest of land, money or securities to be used
57 in developing recreational programs and functions for the
58 people of the commonwealth, and it shall forthwith transfer
59 any money or securities so received to the state treasurer who
60 shall administer the same as provided by section sixteen of
61 chapter ten.

1 SECTION 3. Section 16 of chapter 10 of the General Laws,
2 as amended by section 5A of chapter 419 of the acts of 1954,
3 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "six",
4 in line 10, the words: — or from the Massachusetts recreation
5 board under section one hundred and ten of chapter six, — and
6 by inserting after the word "library", in line 15, the words: —
7 or on the order of the Massachusetts recreation board in case
8 of gifts or bequests for the use of promoting the recreational
9 needs of the people of the commonwealth, — so as to read as
10 follows: — *Section 16.* He shall invest, reinvest and hold in the
11 name of the commonwealth any money or securities, or the
12 proceeds thereof, received from the department of education
13 under section three of chapter sixty-nine, or from the com-

14 missioner of natural resources under section ninety of chapter
15 one hundred and thirty-one, under section two of chapter one
16 hundred and thirty-two or under section one of chapter one
17 hundred and thirty-two A, or from the trustees of the state
18 library under section thirty-seven A of chapter six or from the
19 Massachusetts recreation board under section one hundred and
20 ten of chapter six, and shall disburse the income or principal
21 thereof on the order of the commissioner of the department
22 having charge of the work in aid of which the gift or bequest
23 was made, or on the order of the trustees of the state library
24 in case of gifts or bequests for the use of the state library or
25 on the order of the Massachusetts recreation board in case of
26 gifts or bequests for the use of promoting the recreational
27 needs of the people of the commonwealth; provided, that no
28 disposition of either income or principal shall be made which
29 is inconsistent with the terms of the trust on which the prop-
30 erty is held. He shall be responsible on his bond for the faith-
31 ful management of all such property.

1 SECTION 4. Of the members first appointed to the Massa-
2 chusetts recreation board, established under section one hun-
3 dred and eight of chapter six of the General Laws, added by
4 section two of this act, one shall be appointed for a term of one
5 year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three
6 years, one for a term of four years and one for a term of five
7 years. Upon the expiration of their respective terms, their
8 successors shall be appointed as provided in said section one
9 hundred and eight.