
By Mr. Pellegrini, a petition of Lawrence F. Bretta, for the Metropolitan Transit Authority Advisory Committee, for legislation to regulate further the appointment of trustees of the Metropolitan Transit Authority. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

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 544 of the acts of 1947 is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 2, as amended by section 1 of
3 chapter 197 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 2.* The affairs of the authority shall be managed by a
6 board of three trustees; who must reside in a city or town
7 within the territory served by the authority and no more
8 than one of whom shall reside in the same city or town, —
9 hereinafter called the trustees. One of said trustees shall be
10 appointed by at least an eighty-five per cent vote of the advisory
11 board of the authority, one shall be appointed by the govern-
12 nor with the approval of at least an eighty-five per cent vote
13 of said advisory board, and one shall be appointed by the
14 governor with the advice and consent of the council. The
15 trustees appointed hereunder shall serve for a term of six
16 years. As the term of a trustee expires his successor shall be
17 appointed as hereinbefore provided for a term of six years.
18 All trustees appointed hereunder shall hold office until the
19 qualification of their respective successors. The governor
20 shall designate from time to time one of the trustees as chair-
21 man. Any trustee may be removed for cause by the governor

22 with the advice and consent of the council. Any vacancy in the
23 office of a trustee shall be filled, for the unexpired term, by the
24 original appointing authority. Section three of chapter twelve
25 of the General Laws shall not apply to said board of trustees.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section one
2 of this act, the members of the present board of trustees of
3 said authority shall serve to the end of the term for which
4 they were appointed. The first appointment of a member of
5 said board, whether to fill a vacancy or upon the expiration
6 of the term of a present member after the effective date of
7 this act, shall be made by at least an eighty-five per cent vote
8 of the advisory board of said authority, the second such ap-
9 pointment shall be made by the governor after first having
10 obtained at least an eighty-five per cent vote of said advisory
11 board, and the third such appointment shall be made by the
12 governor with the advice and consent of the council. Vacan-
13 cies in the office of said trustees shall be filled by the original
14 appointing authority.