

HOUSE No. 728

By Mr. Casson of Boston, petition of James M. Curley, mayor of Boston, for the formation of a municipal corporation to be known as Greater Boston. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide for the Formation of a Municipal Corporation to be known as Greater Boston.

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. The cities and towns comprising the
2 metropolitan water, sewer and park districts, as set
3 forth in sections one, ten and thirty-three of chapter
4 ninety-two of the General Laws, and any acts in ad-
5 dition thereto or supplementary thereof, and all
6 cities or towns that may hereafter be included in either
7 of said districts are hereby created and made a body
8 corporate under the name of Greater Boston.

1 SECTION 2. Said corporation shall be managed
2 and controlled by a governing board composed of the
3 mayors of cities and the chairmen of the boards of
4 selectmen of the towns for the time being, each of
5 whom shall hold office during the time that he is

6 the mayor of a city included in said Greater Boston or
7 chairman of the board of selectmen in a town in-
8 cluded in said Greater Boston, and the election of
9 any person to the office of mayor in any city in Greater
10 Boston and the selection of any person as chairman
11 of the board of selectmen in any town in Greater
12 Boston shall make and constitute said person a mem-
13 ber of the governing board.

1 SECTION 3. Said governing board shall meet within
2 ninety days after the effective date of this act at a
3 day, hour and place to be designated by the mayor of
4 Boston, who shall be the chairman of the governing
5 board. Said governing board shall meet at such times
6 as it shall determine but not less than four times in
7 each calendar year. The mayor of the city of Boston
8 by virtue of his office shall be the chairman of said
9 board. It shall elect from among its members one
10 or more vice chairmen, a treasurer and a clerk who
11 need not be members of the governing board, and
12 shall employ the services of such persons as may be
13 necessary or convenient, and fix their compensation.
14 The treasurer and clerk shall be subject to such pro-
15 visions of the General Laws relative to city clerks and
16 treasurers as may be applicable to them. The officers
17 elected during the year nineteen hundred and thirty-
18 one shall serve for the balance of the year nineteen
19 hundred and thirty-one and until their successors are
20 elected and qualified, and thereafter the officers
21 elected shall serve during the calendar year and until
22 their successors are elected and qualified. Before
23 assuming office each officer shall be sworn to the
24 faithful performance of his duties by a justice of a
25 court of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. The city of Boston shall provide at
2 its own expense suitable office space and a suitable
3 place in which meetings shall be held and shall pay
4 over to the treasurer of the corporation as soon as he
5 is elected and qualified the sum of five thousand
6 dollars, to be used by him for the necessary expenses
7 of said corporation, including the payment of salaries.
8 Thereafter the treasurer shall annually on or before
9 December one prepare an estimate of expenditures
10 which shall be approved by the board and the treas-
11 urer shall thereafter apportion and assess said amount
12 upon the cities and towns comprising said corporation,
13 on the basis of the valuations in each city and town
14 as determined by the commissioner of corporations
15 and taxation for the assessment of state taxes by
16 the commonwealth among the cities and towns of
17 the commonwealth. Each city and town shall forth-
18 with remit to the treasurer of said corporation the
19 assessment so made, which assessment shall be in-
20 cluded in the next tax levy in said city or town.

1 SECTION 5. Said governing board shall make rules
2 and regulations in governing its conduct and may
3 from time to time amend the same and shall keep
4 records of all proceedings and all official acts and
5 shall have a corporate seal with the name of the cor-
6 poration in such form as the governing board may
7 determine.

1 SECTION 6. Said governing board shall consider
2 the various problems relating to crime, disease, fire,
3 traffic, taxation and all other problems which affect or
4 pertain to municipalities included in the corporation;
5 how such problems may best be solved and ways and

6 means of developing and improving the economic,
7 financial and industrial welfare of the cities and towns
8 included in said corporation, and shall each year make
9 a report to the General Court, by filing the same with
10 the clerk of the house of representatives on or before
11 December fifteen of each year, with such recommen-
12 dations and drafts of proposed legislation as said gov-
13 erning board may deem proper and advisable, to-
14 gether with recommendations of any proposed changes
15 in the charter or laws pertaining to any city or town
16 in said corporation.

1 SECTION 7. If at any time said governing board
2 in its said report submits a recommendation for the
3 consolidation of two or more municipalities included
4 in said corporation, said question of consolidation
5 shall be submitted to the voters in each of the mu-
6 nicipalities proposed to be consolidated at the next
7 state election, and if the majority of the voters in
8 each of said municipalities proposed to be consoli-
9 dated shall vote in favor of consolidation said mu-
10 nicipalities shall thereby be consolidated but shall
11 continue as separate municipalities until the enact-
12 ment of a charter for the consolidated municipalities.
13 Immediately after said vote is announced, if in favor
14 of consolidation, a charter commission, consisting of
15 three persons from each municipality to be consoli-
16 dated, shall be forthwith appointed by the mayor of
17 a city and the board of selectmen of a town, who shall
18 prepare a draft of a charter for the consolidated
19 municipalities, which draft shall be submitted to the
20 legislature by filing the same with the clerk of the
21 house of representatives on or before December
22 fifteen of the year in which said charter commission

23 is appointed, or at such earlier date as may be deter-
24 mined by said charter commission, for legislative
25 approval. Said municipalities shall be consolidated
26 as one municipality as of January first of the year
27 following the approval of the charter by the legislature.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

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