
By Mr. Capraro of Boston, petition of Gabriel F. Piemonte and Charles W. Capraro that provision be made for the creation of an official Greater Boston Council. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF AN OFFICIAL GREATER
BOSTON COUNCIL.

*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 mayors and chairmen of the boards of
2 selectmen of the following cities and towns — to wit, Boston,
3 Chelsea, Winthrop, Revere, Malden, Everett, Medford,
4 Arlington, Somerville, Cambridge, Belmont, Watertown,
5 Brookline, Newton, Milton and Quincy, which, by a vote of
6 their city council and approved by the mayor or board of
7 selectmen, approve this act — shall constitute and be desig-
8 nated as the official greater Boston council.

9 The council shall annually organize by the election of a
10 chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. In voting in the coun-
11 cil each mayor and chairman of a board of selectmen shall
12 have one vote for each one hundred million dollars, or fraction
13 thereof over fifty million dollars, of the valuation of property
14 as last previously established by the general court for their
15 respective city or town as a basis of apportionment for state
16 and county taxes. Any of said mayors or chairmen of the
17 board of selectmen may from time to time designate any
18 registered voter of his city or town as his proxy to attend any
19 and all meetings of said council, with all powers which he

20 would have if personally present; provided, that such design-
21 nation is by a writing which is signed by said mayor or chair-
22 man, filed with the secretary of the council and accompanied
23 by a certificate of a registrar of voters of such city or town
24 that the person designated is a registered voter thereof.

1 SECTION 2. The council shall conduct researches bearing
2 upon the current metropolitan Boston situation, and more
3 especially without limiting it, however, to the supplication
4 and overlapping of certain services being rendered by the
5 various cities and towns, with a view to co-ordinating said
6 services to the end that there may be a savings in expenditures
7 to the cities and towns without any substantial loss of serv-
8 ices; and in general to promote the general welfare of said
9 cities and towns and the commonwealth. The council may
10 hold hearings, advertise, print and distribute books, maps,
11 charts and pamphlets which in its judgment will further the
12 purpose for which it was created. Said council shall annually
13 report to the general court the results of its study and its
14 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation
15 necessary to carry said recommendations into effect. In
16 carrying out the provisions of this act the council may appoint
17 such clerks and other employees as it may require. Members
18 of the council or its authorized agents may when authorized
19 to do so by vote of the council travel within or without the
20 commonwealth for the purpose of carrying out the provisions
21 of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Any city or town which accepts this act may
2 appropriate annually a sum not exceeding two cents on each
3 one thousand dollars of valuation as determined under section
4 one for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.
5 All monies appropriated under this section or received from
6 any source shall be paid to the treasurer of the council or such
7 other officer as may be authorized by the council, and shall
8 be disbursed by such treasurer or officer pursuant to votes of
9 the council only upon presentation of a duly authorized
10 voucher and for expenses or charges incurred in carrying out
11 the purposes of this act or incidental thereto.

1 SECTION 4. The council shall at their organization meet-
2 ing or meetings held subsequent thereto adopt by-laws relative
3 to notice of meetings, quorum and other procedural matters.

1 SECTION 5. This act for the purpose of acceptance as
2 provided in section one shall take effect upon its passage;
3 and the other portions of this act shall take effect when it
4 has been accepted by a majority of the cities and towns
5 named in section one.

