

HOUSE No. 5616

By Mr. Nordberg of Reading, petition of Edward Mattar, Nils L. Nordberg, William G. Robinson and Bruce N. Freeman for legislation to establish a county legislature in Middlesex County. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COUNTY LEGISLATURE IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established in and for Middlesex county a
2 county legislature to be known as the Middlesex county council.
3 Said council shall have the powers and duties of model legislative
4 body for intermediate government. Said council shall be autho-
5 rized to pass on all fiscal, program and policy proposals of the
6 county commissioners. The Middlesex county council shall be
7 composed of one delegate from each city or town in the county
8 who shall be elected by and from the legislative body of the city
9 or town. The members of the Middlesex county council shall all
10 have an equal vote on policy and program matters, but shall have
11 their votes weighted on the basis of population on those matters
12 relating to money, and the raising of taxes or appropriations. No
13 compensation shall be provided to the members of the Middlesex
14 county council except actual mileage expenses.

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