

By Mr. Belmonte of Framingham, petition of Robert A. Belmonte and another relative to the membership of the New England Higher Education Compact. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERTAINING TO THE NEW ENGLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMPACT.

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. Article II of section 1 of chapter 589 of the
2 acts of 1954 is hereby amended by striking out the word
3 "three" and inserting in place thereof the following new
4 word: — eight — and by inserting after the word "state," in said
5 article II the following new clause: — at least two of whom
6 may be members of the general court.

1 SECTION 2. Article IV of section 1 is hereby amended by
2 striking out the word "twice" in the fifth sentence of said
3 Article IV and inserting in place thereof the word: — once; —
4 and by striking out the penultimate sentence of said Article IV
5 and inserting in place thereof the following new sentences: —
6 The board shall appoint a treasurer and assistant treasurer who
7 may be empowered to perform any and all duties of the
8 treasurer. Fiscal disbursements of the board shall be valid only
9 when authorized by any two persons from among those au-
10 thorized by the board to execute this authority, and when
11 substantiated by vouchers signed and countersigned by any two
12 members from among those authorized by the board to exe-
13 cute this authority.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 589 is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the fol-
3 lowing new section: —

4 *Section 3.* Eight persons shall represent the commonwealth
5 as members of the board. The governor shall designate or
6 appoint seven members, of whom at least one shall be a
7 president of a public institution of higher education, at least
8 one shall be a president of a private institution of higher
9 education, at least one may be a member of the senate and at
10 least one may be a member of the house of representatives.
11 The chancellor of the board of higher education shall serve ex
12 officio as a member of the board. Each of the members
13 designated or appointed under this section shall serve for a
14 term of six years. No more than two board members' terms
15 shall expire in any single year and initial designations or ap-
16 pointments of less than six years may be made as necessary for
17 this purpose. Any person who is a member of the board on the
18 day before the effective date of this section shall continue to
19 serve as a member for the remainder of his term and the
20 number of persons initially appointed or designated under the
21 provisions of this section shall be reduced accordingly. If a
22 member of the board who is a member of the senate or the
23 house of representatives ceases to be a member of the senate or
24 the house of representatives, his membership on the board shall
25 be terminated and his position shall be considered as vacant.
26 Any vacancy among the designative of appointive positions on
27 the board due to causes other than the expiration of term shall
28 be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same
29 manner as an original appointment or designation.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall not take effect unless at least
2 two of the states other than Massachusetts, named in Article II
3 of the New England Higher Education Compact, adopt, ratify or
4 approve an amendment to the said compact increasing a state's
5 representation to the New England board of higher education to
6 eight members and such other amendments to the said compact
7 as are contained in section 2 of this act.