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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1354) of Joseph F. Timilty and the Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants, by John Keane, executive director, for legislation to provide for tenant representation on housing authorities. Urban Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR TENANT REPRESENTATION ON HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

*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. Section 5 of Chapter 121B, as most recently  
2 amended by Chapter 426 of the Acts of 1974, is hereby further  
3 amended by inserting the following paragraph after the second  
4 sentence of the sixth paragraph: — In a city, one of the four  
5 members of a housing authority appointed by the mayor shall  
6 be a resident of that city and shall be a tenant representative  
7 who shall be appointed by the mayor from lists of names sub-  
8 mitted by public housing tenants' organizations in the city.  
9 A tenants' organization may submit a list which contains not  
10 less than two nor more than five names to the mayor who  
11 shall make his selection from among the names so submitted.  
12 If no list of names is submitted within sixty days after a  
13 vacancy occurs, the mayor may appoint any tenant repre-  
14 sentative of his choosing to the authority. Such tenant repre-  
15 sentative shall be appointed to fill the next mayoral appoint-  
16 ment following the effective date of this Act which is not  
17 reserved for the appointment of a representative of organized  
18 labor as provided for elsewhere in this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of Chapter 121B, as added by Section  
2 1 of Chapter 751 of the Acts of 1969, is hereby amended by  
3 adding the following paragraph at the end of the third  
4 paragraph: — Any compensation paid to a tenant member of a  
5 housing authority for service as a member shall be included as

6 income in determining rent, and the tenant shall be subject to  
7 appropriate rent increases, as provided for in authority policy  
8 and as regulated by the department, provided that such  
9 compensation shall not be considered income for purposes of  
10 determining continued occupancy.