

By Mr. Harold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1588) of Paul D. Harold and Andrew H. Card, Jr., for legislation to create an advisory board to the Metropolitan District Commission. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CREATING AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

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

1 Chapter 28 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 4C the following two sections: —

3 *Section 4D.* There shall be an advisory board to the metro-
4 politan district commission consisting of the city manager of
5 a Plan D or E city or the mayor of each other city within the
6 metropolitan district, and the chairman of the board of select-
7 man of each town in said district. Each mayor or city mana-
8 ger may by a writing filed with the commission from time
9 to time appoint a designee to act for him on the advisory
10 board or to act for him in exercising the powers of said
11 board. Each city and each town shall have one vote on the
12 advisory board plus additional votes and fractions thereof
13 determined by multiplying one and one half times the total
14 number of cities and towns in said district by a fraction of
15 which the numerator shall be the total amount of all parks,
16 sewerage and water assessments made by the state treasurer
17 to such city or town under chapter ninety-two and the de-
18 nominator shall be the total amount of all said assessments
19 made by the state treasurer to all such cities and towns. The
20 total vote of each city and town shall each year be determined
21 by the commission and delivered in writing to the advisory
22 board thirty days after the state treasurer has sent his war-
23 rants for payments to the cities and towns. The determination
24 of votes shall be based upon the most recent annual assess-
25 ment.

26 Whenever the approval of the advisory board is required

27 for any appointment or action by the governor or the com-
28 mission, such approval shall be deemed to have been granted
29 unless, in the case of the annual budget, within sixty days
30 of the submission thereof, and in the case of any other action
31 or appointment, within thirty days of the submission thereof,
32 the advisory board has communicated its or their disapproval
33 to the governor or to the commission in writing, or in the case
34 of action on a proposed budget, the advisory board's qualified
35 approval.

36 Any notice of submission hereunder to the advisory board
37 shall be given in such manner as the governor or commission
38 deems reasonable.

39 Except as otherwise provided by vote of the advisory
40 board, a meeting may be called by the representative or repre-
41 sentatives of cities and towns having five per cent or more of
42 the votes of the advisory board. The first meeting of the ad-
43 visory board, shall be held as soon as practicable upon the
44 call of the governor. The advisory board shall act by a major-
45 ity vote, except that it may delegate its power of approval to
46 an executive committee formed and elected pursuant to duly
47 adopted by laws of the board and constituting among its
48 members at least one half of the total vote of the board, and
49 may, at any time, revoke such delegation.

50 The advisory board may incur expenses for stenographic
51 and clerical work which shall be paid by the commission.

52 *Section 4E.* All current expenses of the commission shall
53 be in accordance with an itemized budget prepared and sub-
54 mitted by the commission to the advisory board not later
55 than November first of each year for the ensuing calendar
56 year. Within sixty days after such submission, the advisory
57 board shall approve said budget as submitted or subject to
58 such itemized reductions therein as the advisory board shall
59 deem appropriate. No such expenses may be incurred in
60 excess of those shown in the budget, but the budget may
61 from time to time be amended by the preparation and sub-
62 mission by the commission to the advisory board of supple-
63 ments thereto. The advisory board shall within thirty days
64 after submission to it approve or reduce any such supple-
65 mentary budget as provided above.