

By Mr. Bartley of Watertown, petition of John C. Bartley and Suzanne M. Bump for legislation to abolish the Metropolitan District Commission. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ABOLISHING 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 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the contrary provisions of any
2 general or special law, the metropolitan district commission is
3 hereby abolished, and shall cease to exist on January 1, 1989.

1 SECTION 2. Chapters twenty-eight and ninety-two of the
2 General Laws are hereby repealed as of January first, nineteen
3 hundred and eighty-nine.

1 SECTION 3. The department of public safety shall, upon the
2 effective date of this act, conduct a detailed analysis of the duties
3 and responsibilities of the metropolitan district commission
4 relating to police and public safety. The department of public
5 safety shall submit to the house committee on ways and means
6 on or before January 1, 1989, or within one year of the effective
7 date of this act, whichever date is sooner, a plan to assimilate the
8 duties and the responsibilities of the metropolitan district
9 commission, as they relate to police and public safety, into the
10 department of public safety. Said plan shall have as its primary
11 objective the orderly assumption of said duties of the metropolitan
12 district commission utilizing employees currently in the employ
13 of the MDC. Said plan shall have as its secondary objective the
14 systematic reduction in staff through the resignation, retirement
15 or other means of attrition. All employees transferred to the
16 department of public safety or other departments of the

17 commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions, as a direct
18 result of implementation of this act, shall not suffer the loss of
19 pay or benefits.

1 SECTION 4. The department of environmental management
2 shall, upon the effective date of this act, conduct a detailed analysis
3 of the duties and responsibilities of the metropolitan district
4 commission as they relate to the commission's management of
5 parks and recreation. The department of environmental
6 management shall submit to the house committee on ways and
7 means on or before January 1, 1989 or within one year of the
8 effective date of this act, whichever date is sooner, a plan to
9 assimilate the duties and the responsibilities of the metropolitan
10 district commission, as they relate to the management of parks
11 and recreation, into the department of environmental manage-
12 ment. Said plan shall have as its primary objective the orderly
13 assumption of said duties of the metropolitan district commission,
14 utilizing employees currently in the employ of the metropolitan
15 district commission. Said plan shall have as its secondary objective
16 the systematic reduction in staff through resignation, retirement
17 or other means of attribution. All employees transferred to the
18 department of environmental management or other departments
19 of the commonwealth or any of its political sub-divisions, as a
20 direct result of implemetation of this act, shall not suffer the loss
21 of pay or benefits.