

By Mr. Rosenberg of Amherst, petition of Stanley C. Rosenberg, Thomas M. Petrolati, John W. Olver and Robert D. Wetmore that the towns of Belchertown and Granby be included in the Westover Metropolitan Development Corporation. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE TOWNS OF BELCHERTOWN AND GRANBY BE MEMBERS OF THE WESTOVER METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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 672 of the Acts of 1974 is hereby amended by striking
2 out section three and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section: —

4 Section 3. There is hereby created a body politic and corporate
5 to be known as the Westover metropolitan development
6 corporation, which shall be governed by a board of eleven
7 directors, all residents of the Springfield-Chicopee-Holyoke
8 standard metropolitan statistical area, one of whom shall be
9 appointed chairman by a majority vote of the other directors,
10 three of whom shall be appointed by the mayor of the city of
11 Chicopee, with the approval of the board of alderman of the city
12 of Chicopee, two of whom shall be appointed by the first
13 selectman of the town of Ludlow, with the approval of the board
14 of selectmen of the town of Ludlow, one of whom shall be
15 appointed by the board of selectmen of the town of Belchertown
16 by a majority vote of said board, one of whom shall be appointed
17 by the board of selectman of the town of Granby by a majority
18 vote of said board, and three of whom shall be experienced in
19 industry, manufacturing, or commerce, shall not be residents of
20 the city of Chicopee or the town of Ludlow, and shall be appointed
21 by a majority vote of the other directors; provided, however, that

22 the initially appointed chairman shall be one of three nominees
23 of the Westover task force created by the joint commission on
24 federal base conversion and those three members initially
25 appointed on the basis of experience and nonresidency shall be
26 appointed by the chairman, each from among three nominees of
27 said task force. The chairman and other directors shall serve for
28 terms of three years; provided, however, that of those initially
29 appointed by the mayor of the city of Chicopee, two shall be for
30 terms of two years, of those initially appointed by the first
31 selectman of the town of Ludlow, one shall be for a term of two
32 years, and of those initially appointed by the chairman of the
33 board of directors, two shall be for terms of two years. Vacancies
34 arising other than from the expiration of a term shall be filled
35 for the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as
36 regularly provided for such appointments. Directors shall receive
37 no compensation for the performance of their duties hereunder,
38 but each director may be reimbursed for expenses actually
39 incurred in the performance of his duties.

40 A majority of the eleven directors shall constitute a quorum for
41 the transaction of any business, but the action of a majority of
42 the entire board shall be required for any transaction. For the
43 purposes of section eleven A of chapter thirty A of the General
44 Laws, the corporation shall be deemed to be an authority
45 established by the general court to serve a public purpose in the
46 commonwealth.