

By Mr. Dukakis of Brookline, petition of Michael S. Dukakis for legislation to establish an advisory council on natural resources in the Department of Public Utilities. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NATURAL RESOURCES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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. *Declaration of Policy*—The conservation of
2 natural resources, the prevention of pollution and the use of
3 natural resources in such a way as to insure their fullest en-
4 joyment by both the present generation and future genera-
5 tions of residents of the commonwealth are hereby declared to
6 be in the general public interest.

1 SECTION 2. *Advisory Council on Natural Resources*—
2 There shall be established within the department of public
3 utilities but not subject to its control, and advisory council
4 on natural resources, hereinafter called the council, which
5 shall have subject to its control the powers and duties here-
6 inafter enumerated, together with such others as may here-
7 after be conferred upon it by law.

1 SECTION 3. *Members*—The council shall be composed of
2 fifteen members, appointed by the governor, for a term of six
3 years; except that of those first appointed, five shall be for a
4 term of two years, five for a term of four years, and five for
5 a term of six years. No more than eight of the members may
6 be from either one of the two major parties, and all members
7 shall be citizens of the United States. It is the intent of this
8 section that the conservationist associations, associations of
9 industries regulated by the department of public utilities, as-

10 sociation of municipal electric power companies, and the
11 cities and towns of the commonwealth be represented on this
12 council. The governor shall designate one member to act
13 as chairman of the council. The members shall receive twenty-
14 five dollars per diem and necessary reasonable expenses in-
15 curred in the performance of their duties.

1 SECTION 4. *Employers: Expenses.*—The members shall
2 from time to time and subject to appropriation therefore re-
3 tain such employees and services as they may require for the
4 performance of their duties and shall prescribe the duties of
5 each such employee and/or service. They shall adopt by-laws
6 suitable to the purposes for which this council is created.

1 SECTION 5. *Powers and Duties*—The council shall advise
2 the department of public utilities as to all matters pertaining
3 to the use and conservation of natural resources that might
4 be affected by the granting of any license which the depart-
5 ment of public utilities is authorized to issue. The council may
6 designate a member or members who shall have the privilege
7 of appearing before the public utilities commission during
8 any hearing the commission may hold.

9 The council shall further advise the governor of the com-
10 monwealth as to all matters pertaining to the use and conser-
11 vation of natural resources at such times and in such manner
12 as the governor shall designate.