

By Miss Howe of Somerville, petition of Marie E. Howe for legislation to abolish the present Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and establishing in place thereof a new board consisting of seven members. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY AND ESTABLISHING IN PLACE THEREOF A NEW BOARD CONSISTING OF SEVEN MEMBERS.

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. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 6, as most recently amended
3 by section 1 of chapter 323 of the acts of 1965, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 6.* The affairs of the authority shall be managed by
6 a board of seven directors, hereinafter in this chapter called
7 the directors, of whom three shall be appointed by the
8 governor, whose terms of office shall be coterminous with that
9 of the governor; one shall be appointed by the mayor of the
10 city of Boston, whose term of office shall be coterminous with
11 that of said mayor; and three shall be appointed by the
12 advisory board for a term of four years; no member of said
13 advisory board making said appointments shall be eligible
14 therefor. Of the members so appointed by the advisory board,
15 one shall reside in the area north of Boston, a second, south
16 thereof, and the third, west thereof. One of the appointees of
17 the governor shall be experienced in transportation, one a
18 member of organized labor who shall be a member of a
19 national or international labor organization, and one experi-
20 enced in administration and finance. No more than four of
21 the seven directors shall be members of the same political

22 party. Each director appointed hereunder shall hold office
23 until the qualification of his successor. From time to time the
24 governor shall designate one of the directors as chairman.
25 Any director may be removed for cause by the governor, and
26 any vacancy in the office of a director shall be filled, for the
27 unexpired term, by appointment of the original appointing
28 authority. Section three of chapter twelve shall not apply to
29 said board of directors. The chairman of the board of direc-
30 tors shall receive a salary of ten thousand dollars, and each of
31 the other directors a salary of seven thousand five hundred
32 dollars. Five directors shall constitute a quorum for the
33 conduct of all business before the board.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the effective date of this act the terms of
2 office of each of the present directors of said board shall
3 end.

1 SECTION 3. In appointing the members of the board of
2 directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority
3 as provided by section six of chapter one hundred and sixty-
4 one A of the General Laws, as appearing in section one of this
5 act, the three members initially appointed by the advisory
6 board shall, notwithstanding any contrary provision of said
7 section six, serve for terms ending on the twentieth day of
8 January in the years nineteen hundred and seventy, nine-
9 teen hundred and seventy-one, nineteen hundred and seventy-
10 three, respectively, as the advisory board may determine. A
11 director appointed hereunder shall hold office until the qualifi-
12 cation of his successor. Upon the expiration of the term of
13 any such director his successor shall be appointed in like
14 manner and for the term set forth in said section six of said
15 chapter one hundred and sixty-one A.