

By Mr. Rogers of New Bedford, petition of George Rogers that provision be made for the establishment of university centers in the cities of Boston and Lowell and the towns of Amherst and Dartmouth. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY CENTERS
IN THE COMMONWEALTH.**

*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. There will be established in the commonwealth
2 of Massachusetts four university centers as follows:—
3 Amherst, Boston, Lowell, Dartmouth.

1 SECTION 2. Each center: 1. Will have a nine-member board
2 of trustees to administer the affairs of the center.

3 (a) No more than three members may reside in the same
4 senatorial district.

5 (b) Each member will serve for a term of nine years after
6 the expiration of the initial board, that is, the first board will
7 be set up as follows:—

8 (1) One member will be nominated or appointed by the
9 governor to serve for nine years, one for eight years, one for
10 seven years, one for six years, one for five years, one for four
11 years, one for three years, one for two years, one for one
12 year.

13 (2) as each member's term expires, the governor will
14 appoint a trustee who will then serve for a full nine years.

15 (c) no more than five trustees may be members of the same
16 political party.

- 17 2. Will be a complete entity.
18 (a) set up and operate its own admissions board.
19 (b) hire and promote its own personnel.
20 (c) have fiscal autonomy.
21 (d) the merger of the four units will be affected on July
22 first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.
23 3. There will be no restrictions or moratorium until July
24 first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.
25 4. A liaison committee of three members from each affected
26 board of trustees will coordinate all aspects of planning now
27 under their respective jurisdictions.
28 5. As soon as legislation can be affected, a new university
29 board of trustees is to be created assuring equal opportunity
30 and representation to all major geographical units of the
31 state.
32 6. A chancellor of the new university board will be named.
33 7. A necessary adjunct to the eventual legislation must be
34 the inclusion of a so-called "grandfather" clause to protect all
35 personnel, including the presidents of the existing institu-
36 tions.

1 SECTION 3. At the graduate level.

2 The following special fields of study will be reserved, and
3 restricted to the four university centers, as follows:

4 1. AMHERST: Exclusive jurisdiction in the field of Agricul-
5 tural studies.

6 2. BOSTON: Exclusive jurisdiction in the field of Law.

7 3. LOWELL: Exclusive jurisdiction in the field of Nuclear
8 studies.

9 (a) A merger of Lowell state college with the existing
10 Lowell technological institute to be affected as a necessary
11 adjunct of the legislation.

12 4. DARTMOUTH: Exclusive jurisdiction in the field of Ocean-
13 ographic studies.

1 SECTION 4. The university board (twenty-one members).

2 1. Fourteen members, one per county, appointed by the
3 governor.

4 2. Four additional members, the chairman of each center
5 board.

6 (a) To serve ex-officio (with voting power)

7 3. Three additional members, governor, university chan-
8 cellor, and the chancellor of the "super-board" (board of
9 higher education).

10 (a) To serve ex-officio (with voting power).

11 4. Rotation of meeting place.

12 5. Each member to serve for a term of nine years, as
13 outlined in section 21. (b) (1).

14 6. Set academic standards.

15 7. Co-ordinate curricula.

16 8. Consolidate budget requests.

17 9. Establish university centers as required.

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