
Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, for a Bill authorizing cities and towns to establish and maintain local youth commissions (House, No. 593). April 22.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ESTABLISH YOUTH COMMISSIONS.

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 40 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 8D the following section:—
3 *Section 8E.* A city or town which accepts this section may
4 establish a youth commission, hereinafter called the commis-
5 sion, for the purpose of carrying out programs which may be
6 designed or established to meet the opportunities, challenges
7 and problems of youth of said city or town and in conjunction
8 with any similar or related programs of any agency of the com-
9 monwealth or any agency of the federal government. It shall
10 keep accurate records of its meetings and actions and shall file
11 an annual report which shall be printed in the case of towns in
12 the annual town report. The commission may appoint such
13 clerks and other employees as it may from time to time require.
14 The commission shall consist of not less than three nor more
15 than seven members. In cities the members shall be appointed
16 by the mayor, subject to the provisions of the city charter, ex-
17 cept that in cities having or operating under a plan D or plan E
18 form of city charter, said appointments shall be by the city
19 manager, subject to the provisions of the charter; and in towns
20 they shall be appointed by the selectmen, excepting towns hav-
21 ing a manager form of government, in which towns appointments
22 shall be made by the town manager, subject to the approval of
23 the selectmen. When a commission is first established, the

24 terms of the members shall be for one, two or three years, and
25 so arranged that the terms of approximately one third of the
26 members will expire each year, and their successors shall be ap-
27 pointed for a term of three years each. Any member of a com-
28 mission so appointed may, after a public hearing, if requested,
29 be removed for cause by the appointing authority. A vacancy
30 occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall in a city
31 be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the orig-
32 inal appointment, and in a town in the manner provided in
33 section eleven of chapter forty-one. Said commission may re-
34 ceive gifts of property, both real and personal, in the name of
35 the city or town, subject to the approval of the city council in
36 a city or the selectmen in a town, such gifts to be managed and
37 controlled by the commission for the purposes of this section.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after clause 61 the following
3 clause:— (62) For the purpose of establishing and maintain-
4 ing a youth commission as authorized by the provisions of sec-
5 tion eight E of chapter forty.