

By Mr. Dwinell of Millbury, petition of Richard J. Dwinell for legislation to make certain amendments to the law relating to regional planning commissions. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT AMENDING REGIONAL PLANNING 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. Section 7 of Chapter 40B of the General Laws as
2 most recently amended by Chapter 1082 of the Acts of 1973, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the second sentence and
4 inserting in place thereof the following new sentence:—

5 “Such apportioned cost shall be on a per capita basis in direct
6 proportion to the population of the city or town and the planning
7 district as they appear in the most recent national census,
8 exclusive of the inmates of county, state or federal institutions,
9 and exclusive of the resident population of federal military
10 institutions to which the privilege of ex-officio membership has
11 been extended as provided for in Section 4C or the district
12 planning commission may, by a two-thirds vote of the member
13 delegates of the commission choose to use the state census
14 population figures in order to determine per capita costs, when
15 that census is determined by the district planning commission to
16 be more recent and more reflective of the changes taking place in
17 the district.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said Chapter is hereby further
2 amended by striking out the seventh sentence and inserting in
3 place thereof the following new sentence:—

4 “Any such district planning commission may contract with the
5 federal or state government, or with a city or town within the
6 district or with another district planning commission, or planning
7 council of a county, or with another type of special district with-
8 in the planning district, or with a city or town outside of the
9 planning district, if written endorsement of the regional planning
10 agency to which they belong is obtained, or with a private, non-
11 profit corporation, for the performance of planning-related
12 studies and services within the limits of funds available to the
13 district planning commission for such purposes.”