

By Mr. Hodgkins of Lee, petition of Christopher J. Hodgkins relative to the membership of the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MASSACHUSETTS TURNPIKE AUTHORITY.

*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 3 of chapter 354 of the acts of 1952, as  
2 most recently amended by section 177 of chapter 60 of the acts of  
3 1994, is hereby further amended by striking out the second para-  
4 graph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 The Massachusetts Turnpike Authority shall consist of five  
6 members to be appointed by the Governor, who shall be residents  
7 of the commonwealth, not more than three of whom may be mem-  
8 bers of the same political party. The terms of the members shall  
9 run conterminously with the governor who appointed them, begin-  
10 ning in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-eight. Each member  
11 shall serve four years except that any person appointed to fill a  
12 vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. The governor  
13 shall designate one of the members as chairman. Any member of  
14 the Authority shall be eligible for reappointment. Each member of  
15 the Authority before entering upon his duties shall take an oath  
16 before the governor to administer the duties of his office faithfully  
17 and impartially, and a record of such oaths shall be filed in the  
18 office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. The third paragraph of said section 3 of said  
2 chapter 354, is hereby amended by striking out the second sen-  
3 tence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—

4 Four members of the Authority shall constitute a quorum and the  
5 affirmative vote of three members shall be necessary for any  
6 action taken by the Authority.