

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition of Daniel E. Bosley relative to the implementation of economic development plans in cities and towns. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

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 of chapter 472 of the acts of 1991, as most recently
2 amended by section 189 of chapter 60 of the acts of 1994, is
3 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting
4 in place thereof the following:—

5 The government land bank established by chapter two hundred
6 and twelve of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five is
7 hereby authorized to acquire blighted lands located in the town of
8 Lee, in the city of Chelsea, in any city or town for which a
9 receivership has been established and in municipalities where no
10 redevelopment authority has been organized under the authority
11 granted by section four of chapter 121B of the General Laws and
12 no economic development and industrial corporation has been
13 organized under authority granted by section three of chapter 121C
14 of the General Laws, by the exercise of the power of eminent
15 domain in accordance with the provisions of chapter seventy-nine
16 or eighty A of the General Laws or any alternative method now or
17 hereafter provided by law, insofar as such provisions may be
18 applicable, provided however, that the power of eminent domain
19 shall only be exercised by said bank with regard to such lands that
20 may be considered “blighted open areas,” “decadent areas” or
21 “substandard areas” as defined in section one of chapter one hun-
22 dred and twenty-one B of the General Laws and as further

23 described in subclause three of clause (k) of section four of
24 chapter two hundred and twelve of the acts of nineteen hundred
25 and seventy-five, as amended in section twenty-five of chapter
26 nineteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-three, as fur-
27 ther amended in section five of chapter four hundred and ninety-
28 eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and, in any
29 case, said power shall not be exercised by said bank hereunder in
30 the town of Lee, without the prior approval, by majority vote, of
31 the selectmen in the town of Lee; in the city of Chelsea, without
32 prior approval of its receiver or executive officer, as the case may
33 be; in any city or town for which a receivership has been estab-
34 lished, without prior approval of the receiver; and in any municipal
35 cities hereinabove described, without prior approval, by majority
36 vote, of the city council, board of aldermen or board of selectmen
37 of such municipality.