

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH PURSUANT TO GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 7, WITH RESPECT TO PETITION OF A. LEAVITT TAYLOR, MICHAEL J. DALY AND ANOTHER RELATIVE TO AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE PORTIA LAW SCHOOL AND CHANGING THE NAME OF SAID SCHOOL TO NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF LAW.

January 24, 1972.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

The above-named petition was transmitted to me by the Clerk of the House of Representatives on January 18, 1972, with a request for a memorandum.

Portia Law School was incorporated under the provisions of chapter 219 of the Special Acts of 1919, which act was approved on June 27, 1919. A Certificate of Evidence of Organization was filed by said corporation with the Office of the State Secretary on April 13, 1920. Chapter 161 of the acts of 1926 authorized Portia Law School to grant the Degree of Master of Laws. Chapter 254 of the acts of 1936 empowered Portia Law School to establish and maintain a College of Liberal Arts, and removed certain restrictions on its power to grant the Degree of Master of Laws. Chapter 242 of the acts of 1938 was an act relative to the powers of Portia Law School. Chapter 670 of the Acts of 1968 amended the charter of Portia Law School.

Section 1 of the bill before your honorable bodies seeks to change the name of Portia Law School to New England School of Law.

Section 2 of the bill seeks to further amend chapter 219 of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen and as recently amended by chapter 670 of the Acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight by adding the following section:

Section 1B. The corporation shall consist of eleven members only, Joseph S. Ayoub, Charles E. Barry, Joseph G. Bradley, Ann G. Chaffee, Bradbury Gilbert, Anna E. Hirsch, James R. Lawton, A. Leavitt Taylor, Jerome P. Troy, Harold M. Udell and the president of the Law School Alumni Association of said corporation. Any vacancy in the membership of said corporation shall hereafter be filled by vote of the law school alumni of said corporation for a term of five years at an election to be held for that purpose on the first Monday in November next succeeding any such vacancy except the president of the said Law School Alumni Association who shall serve as a member during his term of office.

Section 3 of the bill recites that the act shall take effect upon its passage.

Special legislation is required to effect the desired result.

Whether or not this should be allowed is a matter of policy within your exclusive jurisdiction, and this office expresses no opinion on the merits of the bill. No fee is required to be paid by a corporation of this type under the provisions of Chapter 3, Section 7.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

THIS IS A REFILE OF HOUSE, NO. 5044 OF 1971.

By Mr. Daly of Boston, petition of A. Leavitt Taylor, Michael J. Daly and another relative to amending the charter of the Portia Law School and changing the name of said school to New England School of Law. Education.

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

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE PORTIA LAW SCHOOL
AND CHANGING THE NAME OF SAID SCHOOL TO NEW ENGLAND
SCHOOL OF LAW.

*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. The name of Portia Law School, a corporation
2 incorporated by chapter two hundred and nineteen of the
3 Special Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby
4 changed to New England School of Law.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 219 of the Special Acts of nineteen
2 hundred and nineteen and as recently amended by chapter 670
3 of the Acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-eight is further
4 amended by adding the following section: —

5 *Section 1B.* The corporation shall consist of eleven members
6 only, Joseph S. Ayoub, Charles E. Barry, Joseph G. Bradley,
7 Ann G. Chaffee, Bradbury Gilbert, Anna E. Hirsch, James R.
8 Lawton, A. Leavitt Taylor, Jerome P. Troy, Harold M. Udell
9 and the president of the Law School Alumni Association of
10 said corporation. Any vacancy in the membership of said cor-
11 poration shall hereafter be filled by vote of the law school
12 alumni of said corporation for a term of five years at an
13 election to be held for that purpose on the first Monday in

14 November next succeeding any such vacancy except the
15 president of the said Law School Alumni Association who shall
16 serve as a member during his term of office.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.