

By Mr. Page of Boston, petition of Malcolm E. Nichols, mayor of the city of Boston, for the establishment of a board to be known as the Boston Port Authority and relative to the powers and duties of said board. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing the Board of Port Authority for the City of Boston.

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. There shall be established a board
2 to be known as the Boston Port Authority appointed
3 in the following manner: one member to be ap-
4 pointed by the governor with the advice and consent
5 of the council, four members by the mayor of the
6 city of Boston as follows: one from a list of three
7 persons selected by the Maritime Association of
8 the Boston Chamber of Commerce, one from a list
9 of three persons selected by the Associated Indus-
10 tries of Massachusetts, and two others; all of said
11 members to be residents and citizens of those cities
12 and towns included within the jurisdiction of the
13 metropolitan district commission. The members
14 appointed by the mayor shall be subject to con-
15 firmation by the civil service commission under the

16 provisions of chapter four hundred and eighty-six
17 of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine, as amended.
18 The chairman of said board shall be appointed by
19 the mayor. The members of said board shall serve
20 for a term of five years from the date of their ap-
21 pointment and shall serve without pay. Any va-
22 cancy occurring in said board shall be filled by the
23 governor or the mayor, according to the manner in
24 which the original appointment was made. Any
25 member of the board appointed by the governor may
26 be removed by the governor with the consent of
27 the council, and any member of the board appointed
28 by the mayor may be removed in accordance with
29 the provisions of section fourteen of chapter four
30 hundred and eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hun-
31 dred and nine.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes of this act the port
2 of Boston is hereby defined to be all of the tidewater
3 lying within a line drawn from Point Allerton to
4 Point Shirley and all lands or property upon or adja-
5 cent thereto. It shall be the duty of the board from
6 time to time to investigate any and all matters re-
7 lating to the port of Boston particularly with reference
8 to the unification of overseas terminals, belt line
9 connections, condition and location of piers and
10 channels, switching, floatage, lighterage, rates, rules,
11 regulations and practices, dockage, wharfage, water
12 front labor conditions, grain elevator and warehouse
13 facilities. With the assent and approval of the mayor
14 the board may initiate or participate in any rate
15 proceedings, hearings or investigations concerning
16 the port or any matter within the jurisdiction of the
17 board.

18 The board shall report on any and all of said
19 matters from time to time as it deems necessary to
20 the governor, the general court and the mayor, and
21 it shall make an annual report in December of each
22 year to the governor, the general court and the
23 mayor.

1 SECTION 3. Said board shall have an office in the
2 city of Boston and is hereby authorized to employ
3 such experts, counsel and other assistants and incur
4 such other expense as it may deem necessary. All
5 such expenses shall be paid by the city of Boston
6 upon requisition by the board not exceeding in the
7 aggregate in any one year the sum of fifty thousand
8 dollars. The said board shall have the same right
9 to incur expense in anticipation of its appropriation
10 as if it were a regular department of the city.

1 SECTION 4. The board shall at all times have
2 access to all maps, charts, plans and documents
3 relating to all matters within its jurisdiction in the
4 office or custody of any public board, commission
5 or official, whether state or city.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

