
By Mr. Boverini, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1001) of James A. Kelly, Jr., Alan D. Sisitsky and Walter J. Boverini for legislation relative to the responsibilities and powers of the Board of Library Commissioners. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RESPONSIBILITIES AND POWERS OF THE
BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS.

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 14 of Chapter 6A of the General Laws as
2 appearing in Section 3 of Chapter 704 of the Acts of 1969 is
3 hereby further amended by adding at the end of the first para-
4 graph, the words "and the Board of Library Commissioners."

1 SECTION 2. Sections 9, 10 and 11 of Chapter 15 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 78 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by striking out Section 14 as most recently amended by
3 Section 12 of Chapter 585 of the Acts of 1952, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 14.* There shall be a Board of Library Commission-
6 ers for the Commonwealth, in this section and in Sections 15
7 through 30 called the Board, consisting of five persons, resi-
8 dents of the Commonwealth, one of whom shall annually be
9 appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of
10 the Council, for five years.

11 No person shall be appointed to serve more than two con-
12 secutive terms. For the purpose of the preceding sentence,
13 prior service on said Board for a period of less than three years
14 resulting from an initial appointment or an appointment for
15 the remainder of an unexpired term, shall not be considered

16 a full term. The Board shall elect one of its members to be
17 chairman by majority vote.

18 The members of the Board shall be reimbursed for their
19 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

20 The Board shall appoint a director, in this section called the
21 director, and may at its discretion remove him. The director
22 shall be the chief executive officer of the Board. The Board
23 shall, upon recommendation of the director, appoint a deputy
24 director and may at its discretion remove him. The director
25 and the deputy director shall, subject to appropriation, receive
26 such salary as the Board may determine and such other per-
27 quisites as the Board may approve. The director and the dep-
28 uty director shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapter
29 31 or of Section 9A of Chapter 30.

30 Subject to appropriation and to the approval of the Board
31 the director shall appoint or release such professional and sub-
32 professional staff as the functions, powers, and duties of the
33 Board shall require; provided, however, that the provisions of
34 Chapter 31, and section 9A of Chapter 30 shall not apply to
35 any such appointment or release.

1 SECTION 4. Section 26 of said Chapter 78 is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. The appendix to Chapter 78 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out Section 1-3 as appearing in
3 Section 3 of Chapter 693 of the Acts of 1963 and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 1-3.* As used in this compact "state library agency",
6 with reference to the Commonwealth means the Board of
7 Library Commissioners.