

By Messrs. Melia of Boston and O'Connor of Boston, petition of Gerald F. O'Leary that provision be made for an advisory board to the Metropolitan District Commission. Urban Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADVISORY BOARD TO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 28 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding at the end thereof the following section:—
3 *Section 7.* There shall be an advisory board to the commis-
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5 E city or the mayor of each other city, and the chairman of
6 the board of selectmen of each town, served by the commis-
7 sion. Each mayor or city manager and each chairman may,
8 by writing filed with the commission, from time to time
9 appoint a designee to act for him on such advisory board.
10 Each city manager, mayor and chairman shall have a vote in
11 proportion to the amount payable by his city or town with
12 respect to the matter being voted upon. The voting per-
13 centage of each city and town with respect to each matter
14 shall be determined by the commission in its submission of
15 the matter. The advisory board shall act by a majority vote,
16 except that it may delegate its power of approval to an
17 executive committee formed and elected pursuant to duly
18 adopted by-laws of the board and constituting among its
19 members at least one half of the total vote of the board, and
20 may, at any time, revoke such delegation. Except as other-
21 wise provided by vote of the advisory board, a meeting may
22 be called on a matter by the representative or representa-

23 tives of cities and towns having five per cent or more of the
24 votes in the advisory board on such matter.

25 After June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and sixty-six, the
26 commission shall not acquire any land or extend its system of
27 reservations or its sewerage or water systems without the
28 approval of said advisory board; nor shall the commission
29 commence the construction of any improvement of any of
30 said systems without such approval unless the total cost of
31 such improvement is not estimated to exceed fifty thousand
32 dollars. Whenever the approval of the advisory board is
33 required for any matter, such approval shall be deemed to
34 have been granted unless, within thirty days of the submis-
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