
To accompany the petition of Daniel Rudsten for legislation to establish the Massachusetts economic authority and providing for the consolidation of certain agencies of the Commonwealth. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS ECONOMIC AUTHORITY AND PROVIDING FOR THE CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN AGENCIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 is hereby created a body politic
2 and corporate to be known as the Massachusetts Eco-
3 nomic Authority, which shall be an instrumentality of
4 the commonwealth, consisting of nine members, includ-
5 ing the commissioner of public works, the commissioner
6 of agriculture, the chairman of the Port of Boston Au-
7 thority, the chairman of the Mystic River Bridge Au-
8 thority, the chairman of the state airport management
9 board, the chairman of the Boston traffic commission
10 and three members appointed by the governor. The
11 Authority shall elect one of the appointed members as
12 chairman and another as vice chairman, and shall also
13 elect a secretary-treasurer who need not be a member
14 of the Authority. All the members shall be sworn to
15 the faithful performance of their official duties as mem-
16 bers of the Authority.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes of economy in adminis-
2 tration and co-ordination of the functions thereof the
3 Authority shall consolidate and assume the control and
4 management of the following state agencies and facilities,

5 namely: — the Port of Boston Authority; the state air-
6 port management board; the Mystic River Bridge Au-
7 thority and the Sumner tunnel, and any proposed tunnel
8 connecting Boston proper and East Boston.

1 SECTION 3. In assuming the control of the agencies
2 set forth in section two the Authority shall follow the
3 procedure, in so far as applicable thereto, for the man-
4 agement of said agencies, as is prescribed in the several
5 acts creating such agencies, and shall succeed to all the
6 powers and duties prescribed by said acts; provided,
7 that any contracts entered into prior to the effective
8 date of this act by any such agency shall remain in full
9 force and be completed according to the terms thereof.

1 SECTION 4. The Authority shall adopt a corporate
2 seal for the Authority, and designate a custodian thereof.
3 A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum
4 for the transaction of any business, but the action of a
5 majority of the entire membership shall be required for
6 any such action. Each appointive member of the Au-
7 thority shall receive such compensation as the governor,
8 with the advice and consent of the council, shall deter-
9 mine, and each member shall be reimbursed for his ac-
10 tual expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of
11 his duties.

1 SECTION 5. The Authority shall prepare a master plan
2 for co-ordinating the several agencies described in sec-
3 tion two, and shall proceed at once with the administra-
4 tion thereof as a single unit. For the purposes of this
5 act the Authority is hereby authorized to make and en-
6 ter into all contracts and agreements necessary or inci-
7 dental to the performance of its duties and the execution
8 of its powers under this act, and to employ consulting
9 engineers, superintendents, managers and such other
10 engineers, construction and accounting experts and at-
11 torneys and such other employees and agents as may be
12 necessary in its judgment, and to fix their compensation;
13 provided, that all such expenses shall be payable from

14 the proceeds of revenue bonds issued under the several
15 acts creating the agencies set forth in section two or
16 from funds otherwise appropriated therefor.

17 Financial officers shall give bond for the faithful per-
18 formance of their duties with a company authorized to
19 do business in this commonwealth, and before the is-
20 suance of any revenue bonds authorized under the pro-
21 visions of this act, each member of the Authority shall
22 execute such a surety bond.

1 SECTION 6. All other general or special laws, or parts
2 thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby declared to be
3 inapplicable to the provisions of this act.

