

By Mr. Nickinello of Natick, petition of Louis R. Nickinello, Ann C. Gannett, Genevra R. Counihan, Edward L. Burke, Andrew J. Rogers, Jr., Barbara E. Gray, Walter T. Burke and George R. Sprague for legislation to create subregions within the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority area. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF SUBREGIONS WITHIN THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY REGION.

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. Chapter 161A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following eight sections:—

3 *Section 30.* Wherever used in this section and the following
4 sections, unless the context otherwise requires, the following
5 words or terms shall have the following meanings:—

6 1. "Regional advisory board," an elected official or his
7 designee, one from each city or town making up the subregion.

8 2. "Subregion," any collection of towns as specified in section
9 two.

10 3. "Net cost of service," cost of service in excess of income.

11 4. "Secretary," secretary of executive office of transportation
12 and construction.

13 5. "Net saving," the difference between the new net cost of
14 service and the old net cost of service, resulting from a change in
15 service provided.

16 6. "Local service," all bus service provided by or under the
17 control of the authority or by a private carrier.

18 7. Authority-Massachusetts Bay transportation authority.

19 *Section 31.* Any city or town, or a combination of cities and
20 towns within the territory of the authority may be formed into a
21 subregion for the express purpose of providing transportation
22 services within each city or town or between cities and towns.

23 Upon a majority vote of the town selectmen or city council or
24 any other legislative body, the following towns shall be formed
25 into a subregion hereinafter to be referred to as the south
26 middlesex transportation subregion; Ashland, Dover,
27 Framingham, Millis, Medfield, Natick, Sherborn, Sudbury,
28 Wayland and Wellesley.

29 Any such subregion shall be deemed to be established upon
30 written notification to the secretary that the member
31 municipalities have voted to establish said subregion within the
32 territory of the authority.

33 *Section 32.* 1. Any city or town now currently a member of
34 the authority may become a member of an existing subregion on
35 approval by a majority vote of the members of said subregion.

36 2. Any city or town may, on request, withdraw from a
37 subregion on approval by a majority vote of the members of
38 said subregion.

39 *Section 33.* There shall be a subregional advisory board to
40 each subregion, consisting of one elected official of each city or
41 town constituting the subregion appointed by the city manager,
42 mayor, or board of selectmen of said city or town, each of
43 whom shall serve for a period of three years and may be
44 removed for cause. Each city and town shall have one vote on
45 the advisory board and said board shall act by a majority vote.

46 The regional advisory board shall have the following
47 functions:

48 (a) It shall decide on the services to be operated within a
49 subregion and to decide what other inter-regional services may
50 be operated.

51 (b) It shall solicit bids on the operation of these services from
52 the MBTA and from private carriers and contract with same for
53 services to be rendered.

54 (c) Specify fare structure and fare level for services within the
55 subregion.

56 (d) Prepare a plan for subregional services for submission to
57 the MBTA and the secretary for suggestions and recommen-
58 dations.

59 (e) The subregional advisory board may incur expenses for the
60 preparation of plans and the gathering of pertinent data, not to
61 exceed an amount specified by the advisory board.

62 (f) They may allow private companies to continue to operate
63 such services which are consistent with the plans and approved
64 rates established by each subregion.

65 *Section 34.* Each city or town shall be assessed for the full net
66 cost of local services provided in said city or town. No city or
67 town shall be assessed unless services are rendered.

68 *Section 35.* The method of computing cost shall be based on
69 a formula consisting of three parts:

70 (a) A fixed cost for each bus required for peak-hour service.

71 (b) A variable cost proportional to bus-miles in revenue
72 service.

73 (c) A variable cost proportional to bus-hours in revenue
74 service.

75 Total cost per year = $17,000 \times N_p + 0.30 \times V_m + 9 \times V_h$

76 Where: N_p = number of buses operated in peak hours.

77 V_m = number of bus-miles operated per year.

78 V_h = number of bus-hours operated per year.

80 The above formula shall apply only to service provided by the
81 authority and shall be reviewed on an annual basis. The method
82 of revenue determination shall be based on:

83 (a) Daily revenue from buses operated on that route.

84 (b) Passenger boarding counts from automatic counters
85 installed on ten buses which shall be rotated through all routes
86 at the rate that each route is sampled at least once a month.

87 *Section 36.* The commonwealth shall allocate a sum of money
88 for new services proposed by each subregion and which must
89 satisfy the following conditions:—

90 (a) There shall be no increase in the total net service cost.

91 (b) There shall be no increase in the number of employees in
92 the authority to perform such new services.

93 (c) There shall be a joint approval by the subregional advisory
94 board and the authority.

95 *Section 37.* Incentives shall be specified for the operations of
96 the authority if a target cost of operation or productivity is met
97 or surpassed and the resultant savings shall be shared equally by
98 the operators and the communities.

1 SECTION 2. Any city or town which becomes a member of a
2 subregion as provided in section one of this act and which does
3 not have a rapid transit station or railroad station in said city or
4 town as of the first day of July nineteen hundred and seventy-
5 five shall not pay any part of the net cost for express service or
6 commuter rail service under the provisions of section eight of
7 chapter one hundred and sixty-one A of the General Laws. Such
8 costs shall not be assessed on the remaining seventy cities and
9 towns within the authority, but said authority shall certify to the
10 state treasurer the amount of such costs and the state treasurer
11 shall pay such amount from that portion of the excise on
12 cigarettes authorized by paragraph (b) of section twenty-eight of
13 chapter sixty-four C of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January first,
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.