

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act regarding the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Board of Directors.

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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 amended by striking out section 7, as
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

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4 Section 7. The authority shall be managed by a board of nine directors, one of whom shall be the
5 secretary who shall serve as chairman of the board and shall not be compensated therefor, and eight of
6 whom shall be appointed by the governor to two year terms beginning July 1 and who shall be eligible
7 for reappointment to no more than three consecutive terms. The directors appointed by the governor
8 shall consist of one selected from a list provided by the mayor of Boston, one selected from a list
9 provided by the chief executive officers, as defined in section 7 of chapter 4, of the 14 cities and towns
10 excluding Boston, one selected from a list provided by the metropolitan area planning council on behalf
11 of the 51 cities and towns and other served communities, and one selected from a list provided by the
12 authority riders oversight committee. One of the appointees of the governor shall be experienced in
13 transportation, one shall be a member of a local, national, or international labor organization, one shall
14 be experienced in environmental protection, one shall be experienced in administration and finance,
15 and one shall be experienced in consumer protection. No more than five of the nine directors shall be
16 members of the same political party. Each director shall be a resident of the area constituting the
17 authority and shall use authority transit services regularly. At least three of the directors shall be transit-
18 dependent, defined as not owning or having access within their household to an automobile. Any

19 director, except the chairman, may be removed for cause by the governor. In event of a vacancy, a
20 successor shall be named in the same manner as the vacated director and such successor shall serve for
21 the remainder of the unexpired term. The provisions of section 3 of chapter 12 shall not apply to said
22 board of directors. The eight directors appointed by the governor shall receive a salary of \$7,500. A
23 majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum, but a majority vote of the entire membership of the
24 board of directors shall be required to take any particular action. The directors shall meet monthly,
25 provided that said meeting shall occur no later than the fifteenth day of the month. Each meeting shall
26 provide a sufficient opportunity for public comment at the beginning and end of each meeting. The
27 agendas for each meeting shall be posted online at least 24 hours before the meeting and written
28 materials provided to directors for the meeting shall be available at the meeting for the public. Meetings
29 shall alternate from month to month between daytime and evening meeting times.

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