

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joyce A. Spiliotis

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 Establishing the Essex County Commission on the Status of Women.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joyce A. Spiliotis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Essex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE ESSEX COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN.

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 66 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "necessary", in line 61, the
3 following words:- (g) to appoint members to regional chapters of the commission.

4 SECTION 2. There is established a permanent commission on the status of women in Essex
5 county consisting of 9 persons who are to be appointed by the Massachusetts Commission on the
6 Status of Women. The commission shall conduct an ongoing study of all matters concerning
7 women in Essex county. The commission shall report their findings to the Massachusetts
8 Commission on the Status of Women annually, on or before June 2, and recommend solutions to
9 the problems facing the women of Essex county. The Massachusetts Commission on the Status
10 of Women shall make such appointments to the Essex commission from a pool of applicants who
11 reside in Essex county. (1) Members shall serve a term of 3 years and until their successors are
12 appointed. Commissioners may be reappointed for 2 consecutive terms. After the completion of

13 2 consecutive terms, former commissioners may reapply to serve on the commission after a year
14 has passed since their last term. The initial members of the Essex County Commission on the
15 Status of Women shall be appointed for the following terms: 3 members for a term of one year, 3
16 members for a term of two years, and 3 members for a term of 3 years. (2) Vacancies in the
17 membership of the commission shall be filled by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of
18 Women for the balance of the unexpired term. (3) Appointments by the Massachusetts
19 Commission on the Status of Women to the Essex County Commission on the Status of Women
20 shall be made in consultation with women's organizations. Nominations shall be solicited
21 between August 1 and September 16 of each year through an open application that is widely
22 distributed throughout Essex county. Members of the commission should be diverse and
23 represent different towns and municipalities in Essex county. (4) Members shall serve on the
24 commission as volunteers and will not be compensated. (5) The commission shall elect from
25 among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer and any other officers it deems necessary.