

SENATE No. 2099

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Harriette L. Chandler

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12 and Senate Rule 20) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2099) of Harriette L. Chandler and Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to establish the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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

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