

HOUSE No. 3469

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to representational district government ..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 To create and/or amend the appropriate statutes of the Massachusetts General Laws in
2 order to conserve and maximize valuable local resources in bad and good times, and to allow the
3 creation of the following new forms of municipal and regional governments with a study
4 assigned to appropriate committee:— Apart from the current forms already offered, and those
5 that can be modified by “home rule” amendment to the Constitution of Massachusetts thru
6 article 89, these new forms of municipal corporate governance be forged around the current
7 representational and senatorial districts already in place that a formal county governmental
8 structure and structure be considered to offer a more expanded regional form as well be studied
9 to enhance non-redundancy of non-essential and essential services wherever practicable for the
10 benefit of the body politic and the conservation and efficient use of services during these times of
11 rising interest rates, potential population migration, erosion of real property values, the rising
12 cost of health care and retirements, oil related expense, and other increasing expense and the
13 maximization of local and state revenues; but that the current forms of government within these
14 representational administrative alternative formats be preserved. The Form of Representational

15 District Government a Study for example It shall be compromised of representative of the
16 executive branch to form an executive commission the weight of which shall be proportioned by
17 population in relation to the whole of the district; the legislative branch shall be comprised of
18 representation of the local legislative, meeting and/or council, and be chosen by the membership
19 of each respective house of the people; executive branch to form a legislative branch unitary in
20 initial composition the weight of which shall be proportioned by population in relation to the
21 whole of the district and the total real value of each community within the district's area; and
22 that a charter be drawn by a committee of not more than two one persons of each community
23 who shall serve with chosen members of the executive and legislative branch to create a basic
24 working document for the districts form and operation apart from the constraints of the
25 signatories to such a charter commission and subject to calendrial constraints to deliberate and
26 form a representational government of form and funding to be determined by the committee and
27 ratified by a vote of the district, representational at first; The same process shall apply for the
28 senatorial district as well as the county district and regional districts; all funds needed shall be
29 apportioned proportionately to the member of communities with assistance monetary at the sum
30 suggested by the appropriate legislative committee and appropriated in the annual budget. The
31 efficacy of such forms viably taking form and operations in light of the times and in anticipation
32 of the future exigencies shall take the format of similar studies conducted on taxation where the
33 history an performance of the current forms are reviewed in terms of redundancy and to identify
34 areas where the taxpayer can be best served in the future; the initiation of which shall be at the
35 sole pleasure of the legislative representatives of the people in the General Court and in the
36 event of favorable passage as an Act incorporated into General Law(s), be put before the
37 districts voters for ratification of the forms of alternative governance with the appropriate and

38 necessary explanation of its/their merits towards the public good and further to the public
39 purpose to anticipate and prepare for more severe times scarce resources or for simple to pare the
40 redundancy at reasonable costs, And finally, that the study be conducted under the guise of our
41 state's preamble and with "with the end of the institution" in mind and new "social , and
42 administration compacts be created to cope with the changes in our region and demands of a
43 global marketplace to stay competitive, safe and happy.