

HOUSE No. 3542

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand 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
2 section 7, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:

4 Section 7. The authority shall be managed by a board of nine directors, one of whom
5 shall be the secretary who shall serve as chairman of the board and shall not be compensated
6 therefor, and eight of whom shall be appointed by the governor to two year terms beginning July
7 1 and who shall be eligible for reappointment to no more than three consecutive terms. The
8 directors appointed by the governor shall consist of one selected from a list provided by the
9 mayor of Boston, one selected from a list provided by the chief executive officers, as defined in
10 section 7 of chapter 4, of the 14 cities and towns excluding Boston, one selected from a list
11 provided by the metropolitan area planning council on behalf of the 51 cities and towns and other
12 served communities, and one selected from a list provided by the authority riders oversight
13 committee. One of the appointees of the governor shall be experienced in transportation, one
14 shall be a member of a local, national, or international labor organization, one shall be

15 experienced in environmental protection, one shall be experienced in administration and finance,
16 and one shall be experienced in consumer protection. No more than five of the nine directors
17 shall be members of the same political party. Each director shall be a resident of the area
18 constituting the authority and shall use authority transit services regularly. At least three of the
19 directors shall be transit-dependent, defined as not owning or having access within their
20 household to an automobile. Any director, except the chairman, may be removed for cause by the
21 governor. In event of a vacancy, a successor shall be named in the same manner as the vacated
22 director and such successor shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term. The provisions
23 of section 3 of chapter 12 shall not apply to said board of directors. The eight directors appointed
24 by the governor shall receive a salary of \$7,500. A majority of the directors shall constitute a
25 quorum, but a majority vote of the entire membership of the board of directors shall be required
26 to take any particular action. The directors shall meet monthly, provided that said meeting shall
27 occur no later than the fifteenth day of the month. Each meeting shall provide a sufficient
28 opportunity for public comment at the beginning and end of each meeting. The agendas for each
29 meeting shall be posted online at least 24 hours before the meeting and written materials
30 provided to directors for the meeting shall be available at the meeting for the public. Meetings
31 shall alternate from month to month between daytime and evening meeting times.