

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2178**

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2178) of Benjamin B. Downing and Tricia Farley-Bouvier for legislation to modify the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Twelve**  
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An Act modifying the Pittsfield Economic Development Authority.

*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 295 of the Acts of 1996 is hereby amended by striking section 14,  
2 as inserted by section 2 of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1998, and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following new section:-

4           Section 14. The board shall consist of eleven members appointed by the mayor of the city  
5 of Pittsfield. Official action shall require the affirmative vote of a majority of the board.

6           In appointing such members, the mayor shall choose at least one member who is  
7 experienced with or knowledgeable about the financing or issuance of bonds, such member to be  
8 appointed for a term of two years; one member who is experienced with or knowledgeable about  
9 environmental matters, including contamination of land, such member to be appointed for a term  
10 of two years; one member who is experienced with or knowledgeable about economic  
11 development and planning, such member to be appointed for a term of three years; one member  
12 who lives in or will represent the interest of the neighborhoods which will be most directly

13 affected by the activities of the authority, such member to be appointed for a term of one year;  
14 one member who is an attorney experienced in the area of commercial transactions and is  
15 licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth; such member to be appointed for a term of two  
16 years; one member who is experienced or knowledgeable about industrial site location, such  
17 member to be appointed for a term of two years; one member who is an experienced labor  
18 representative, such member to be appointed for a term of two years; and three members who  
19 shall be appointed for a term of one year each. The mayor may serve as a member of the board or  
20 may appoint an additional member to serve in the mayor's stead.

21 At the expiration of the term of any member or upon the resignation or disqualification of  
22 any member, the mayor shall appoint a new member for an equivalent term. Each member whose  
23 term has expired shall serve until the qualification of a successor. A board member may be  
24 reappointed.

25 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon passage.