

# SENATE . . . . . No.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*James T. Welch*

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*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 a special legislative commission on young professionals.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

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By Mr. Welch, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James T. Welch for legislation to establish a special legislative commission on young professionals. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve  
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An Act establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, there shall be a  
2   special commission on young professionals established to examine how the Commonwealth can  
3   better engage, involve and educate young professionals in decisions and policies that effect them  
4   and the Commonwealth. The commission will examine best practices and policies to retain and  
5   attract intellectual capital that will make Massachusetts a place where young professionals want  
6   to live, work and play.

7           The commission shall consist of 21 members, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the  
8   Governor, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of housing and economic development or a designee,  
9   1 of whom shall be the secretary of labor and workforce development or a designee, 1 of whom  
10   shall be the secretary of education or a designee, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the President  
11   of the Senate 1 of which from the minority party, 3 of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker  
12   of the House 1 of which from the minority party, 1 of whom shall be the chair of the Berkshire  
13   Young Professionals or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the president of the Worcester Young

14 Businessmen's Association or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the president of the Greater  
15 Lawrence Young Professionals Network or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the president of the  
16 Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the  
17 president of the Northampton Area Young Professionals or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the  
18 president of ONEinThree Boston or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the president of the Young  
19 Professionals of Greater Lowell or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the president of the North of  
20 Boston Young Professionals or a designee, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the Executive  
21 Director of the New Bedford Economic Development Council, 1 of whom shall be appointed by  
22 the President of the MetroWest Chamber of Commerce, 1 of whom shall be the Executive  
23 Director of the Cape Cod Young Professionals or a designee.

24           When the commission sees fit by a majority vote they may add additional members to the  
25 commission as recommended by the Governor.

26           The commission shall meet within 30 days of passage of this Act, and not less than  
27 quarterly thereafter, and shall release final recommendations to Governor's Office and House  
28 and Senate Ways and Means Committees no later than 18 months from passage of this Act.