

SENATE No. 689

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 resolve:

Resolve creating a real estate and housing commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Harriette L. Chandler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 689) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to creating a real estate and housing commission. Housing.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

Resolve creating a real estate and housing commission.

1 **Resolved**, SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there
2 shall be a special commission for the purpose of studying and making recommendations
3 concerning issues related to real estate and housing, included but not limited to zoning,
4 foreclosure, homelessness, and landlord/tenant disputes. The commission, in formulating its
5 recommendations, shall take account of best practices and policies in other states and
6 jurisdictions.

7 SECTION 2. The commission shall include, The Secretary of the Executive Office of
8 Housing and Economic Development, the Undersecretary of Housing and Community
9 Development, three members of the Senate appointed by the Senate President and one appointed
10 by the Senate Minority Leader, three members of the House of Representatives appointed by the
11 Speaker of the House and one appointed by the House Minority Leader, three persons to be
12 named by the Governor, and a representative from each of the following organizations:
13 Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors,
14 MassLandlords, the Massachusetts Union of Public Housing Tenants, the Massachusetts Fair

15 Housing Center, and the Fair Housing Center of Greater Boston. The Secretary of the Executive
16 Office of Housing and Economic Development shall be designated the chairman of the
17 commission.

18 SECTION 3. The commission shall submit a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the
19 House of Representative and the President of the Senate, and the Joint Committee on Housing no
20 later than 9 months after the passage of this Act setting forth the commission's conclusions on
21 how to improve the affordability and accessibility of housing.