

SENATE No. 1981

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 relative to the composition of the MassDOT board of directors.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Michael F. Rush</i> | <i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i> | <i>One City Hall Square Suite 500 Boston, MA</i> |
| <i>Edward F. Coppinger</i> | <i>10th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Daniel Cullinane</i> | <i>12th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Kevin G. Honan</i> | <i>17th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Hunt</i> | <i>13th Suffolk</i> |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i> | <i>2nd Suffolk</i> |

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1981) of Michael F. Rush, Mayor Martin J. Walsh, Edward F. Copping, Daniel Cullinane and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the composition of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Transportation.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1867 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act relative to the composition of the MassDOT 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. Section 2 of Chapter 6C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof
3 the following subsection:-

4 (b) The department shall be governed and its corporate powers exercised by a board of
5 directors. The board shall consist of 8 members who shall be appointed for a term of 4 years.
6 The governor shall appoint 7 members, 3 of whom shall be experienced in the field of public or
7 private finance and management; 1 of whom shall have experience in public policy; 1 of whom
8 shall have experience in transportation planning and policy; 1 of whom shall be the secretary of
9 transportation, who shall serve ex officio; and 1 of whom shall be a registered civil engineer with

10 at least 10 years' experience. The mayor of the city of Boston shall appoint 1 member who shall
11 have experience in transportation planning and policy. The governor shall designate 1 of the
12 members, other than the ex-officio director, to serve as chairperson of the board. Not more than
13 5 of the directors, except the ex-officio director, shall be members of the same political party.
14 Each director shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for actual and necessary
15 expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of their duties, including reimbursement for
16 reasonable travel; provided, however, that such reimbursement shall not exceed \$3,000 annually.
17 Any person appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of a member of the board shall be appointed
18 in a like manner and shall serve for only the unexpired term of such former member. Any
19 director shall be eligible for reappointment. Any director appointed by the governor may be
20 removed from his appointment by the governor for cause. Any director appointed by the mayor
21 of the city of Boston may be removed from his appointment by the mayor of the city of Boston
22 for cause. The board shall annually elect 1 of its members to serve as vice-chairperson.

23 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon passage.