

HOUSE No. 5116

Section 73 contained in the engrossed Bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 (see House, No. 5050), which had been returned by His Excellency the Governor with recommendation of amendment (for message, see Attachment K of House, No. 5132). July 28, 2022.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority board of directors.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to expand the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority board of directors, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 7 of chapter 161A of the General Laws, inserted by section 19 of
2 chapter 29 of the acts of 2021, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (a) and inserting in
3 place thereof the following subsection:-

4 (a) The authority shall be governed and its corporate powers exercised by a board of
5 directors. The board shall consist of: the secretary, who shall serve ex officio; 1 person to be
6 appointed by the mayor of the city of Boston; 1 person to be appointed by the advisory board,
7 who shall have municipal government experience in the service area constituting the authority
8 and experience in transportation operations, transportation planning, housing policy, urban
9 planning or public or private finance; provided, however, that said person shall not represent the

city of Boston; and 6 persons to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall have experience in safety, 1 of whom shall have experience in transportation operations, 1 of whom shall have experience in public or private finance, 1 of whom shall be a rider, as defined in section 1, and a resident of an environmental justice population, as defined in section 62 of chapter 30, 1 of whom shall be a municipal official representing a city or town located in the area constituting the authority representing the service area of the 51 cities and towns or the other served communities and 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons recommended by the president of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO.

Not less than 2 of the appointed members shall also be members of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation established under section 2 of chapter 6C.

In making selections to the board of directors, the appointing authority shall strive to ensure a board whose diversity and inclusion are reflective of the population served by the authority.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.