

SENATE No. 1315

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Susan L. Moran

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 municipal equity in Steamship Authority operations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Susan L. Moran

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Barnstable

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By Ms. Moran, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1315) of Susan L. Moran for legislation relative to municipal equity in Steamship Authority operations. Municipalities and Regional Government.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to municipal equity in Steamship Authority operations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The fourth paragraph of section 3 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, as most recently
2 amended by section 3 of chapter 429 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by striking
3 out the second and third sentences and inserting the following sentence:- The votes of the
4 members of the authority shall be weighted such that the county of Dukes County member's vote
5 shall count as 35 per cent of the whole; the Nantucket member's vote shall count as 35 per cent
6 of the whole; and the Barnstable, Falmouth and New Bedford members' votes shall each count as
7 10 per cent of the whole, to the end that the votes of the county of Dukes County and Nantucket
8 members, if cast on the same side of any motion placed before the authority, shall pass or defeat
9 that motion, provided, however, that a vote of greater than 50 per cent of the weighted vote and a
10 vote from a town whose vote is weighted under 15 per cent shall be necessary for any action
11 taken by the authority.