

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robyn K. Kennedy

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 regional transit authority advisory boards.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robyn K. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

SENATE No.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to regional transit authority advisory boards.

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 5 of Chapter 161B, as so appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking the phrase “1 year” from line 27 and 28 and inserting in place there
3 of the following phrase:- 2 years .

4 SECTION 2. Said section 5 is hereby further amended by striking out the word “1-year”
5 from line 40 and inserting in place thereof the following word:- 2-year .

6 SECTION 3. Section 5 of Chapter 161B, as so appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
7 hereby amended by striking the phrase “1 year” from line 42 and inserting in place there of the
8 following phase:- 2 years.

9 SECTION 4. Said section 5 is hereby further amended by striking out the word “1-year”
10 from line 53 and inserting in place thereof the following word:- 2-year .

11 SECTION 5. Section 5 is hereby further amended after line 53 by inserting the following
12 paragraph:-

13 One representative of the Gateway Municipality rider community population shall serve
14 on the advisory board as a voting member for a term of 3 years. Each Gateway Municipality in
15 the region, as defined by section 3A of chapter 23A, shall appoint a representative that is an
16 active rider of the regional transit authority; provided, however, that the representative of the
17 disabled community, rider community and gateway municipality rider community shall not be
18 appointed by the same city or town in the region. For authority regions that contain more than
19 one Gateway Municipality, each municipality shall appoint a representative on a rotating basis in
20 an order as determined by the board. The mayor or city manager and the chairman, town
21 manager or town administrator shall appoint a resident of the city or town for this purpose.