

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford

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 clarifying the operation of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire</i>

SENATE No.

By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joanne M. Comerford and Paul W. Mark for legislation to clarify the operation of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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

An Act clarifying the operation of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments.

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

- 1 Notwithstanding section 567 of chapter 151 of the acts of 1996 or any other general or
- 2 special law to the contrary, there shall be a Franklin Regional Council of Governments. The
- 3 council shall act as the regional body politic and corporate for municipalities within Franklin
- 4 county and any municipality that is granted membership by the council. The council shall
- 5 operate in accordance with a charter pursuant to section 20 of chapter 34B of the General Laws.