

JOINT COMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS, UTILITIES, AND ENERGY

BILL SUMMARY

BILL NO. H.3514

TITLE: An Act reforming the Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company board of directors

SPONSOR: Representative Sally P. Kerans

COMMITTEE: Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy

HEARING DATE: June 12, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: 2023-2024: H.3806, sent to study

CURRENT LAW:

The Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company (MMWEC) was organized by Chapter 775 of the Acts of 1975 as a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the Commonwealth. MMWEC is constituted a public instrumentality for the purpose of permitting MMWEC to pursue opportunities to finance electric power facilities. Section 4 of said Chapter 775 states that MMWEC shall have nine directors on their board, with two appointed by the Governor.

SUMMARY:

This legislation amends Section 4 of Chapter 775 of the Acts of 1975, increasing the number of directors appointed by the Governor to the MMWEC board from two to four directors, and increasing the total number of directors from nine to thirteen directors. Of the four directors appointed by the Governor, one shall be from a nonprofit with environmental justice expertise; one from a non-profit with clean energy and climate policy expertise; one from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA); and the remaining appointed director has no requirements. Of the seven elected directors of the board, at least three directors shall be members of municipal light boards.

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