

**The 194th General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**2025-2026**

**Bill Summary**

**Bill No:** H1114

**Title:** AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC BANK

**Sponsor:** Representative Mike Connolly

**Committee:** Financial Services

**Hearing Date:** November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

**Reporting Date:** January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Similar Matters:** S736

**Prior History:** H1223, S665, S682 (2021-2022) Study, H975 (2023-2024) Study

**Current Law:**

M.G.L Chapter 167 governs the supervision of banks in the Commonwealth. There is not a public bank operating in the Commonwealth today and North Dakota is the only state in the country that has an operational public bank.

**Summary**

This bill would create a Massachusetts Public Bank, wholly owned by the Commonwealth, to hold public funds and support residents who have been historically underserved. The bank would operate under the same regulations and powers as other Massachusetts banks, provide affordable financing, and could join the Federal Reserve but not the FDIC. It would be governed by a nine-member board of directors, with a CEO appointed separately, and an 18-member advisory board that includes public input. The Commonwealth would provide \$200 million in initial equity, and all deposits and liabilities would be guaranteed by the state's full faith and credit. The bank would issue annual financial reports to the Governor and Legislature and maintain a minimum average daily balance of \$1.4 billion.