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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act to promote municipal collaboration and regionalization throughout the Commonwealth.

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By Mr. Eldridge, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1020) of Wolf, Torrisi, Sullivan and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote municipal collaboration and regionalization throughout the Commonwealth [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act to promote municipal collaboration and regionalization throughout the Commonwealth.

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

SECTION 1. The following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Regional Planning Agencies", all planning commissions in the commonwealth, specifically: "Berkshire Regional Planning Commission", established under Section 3 of chapter 40B of the General Laws; "Cape Cod Commission", established under chapter 716 of the Acts of 1989; "Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission", established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B; "Franklin Regional Council of Governments", established under Section 567 of chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996, and as amended by chapter 344 of the Acts of 1998; "Martha's Vineyard Commission", established under chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, and as amended by chapter 317 of the Acts of 1979; "Merrimack Valley Planning Commission", established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B; "Metropolitan Area Planning Council", established under Section 26 of said chapter 40B; "Montachusett Regional Planning Commission", established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B; "Nantucket Planning and Economic Development Commission", established under chapter 561 of the Acts of 1973, and as amended by chapter 98 of the Acts of 1981 and chapter 458 of the Acts of 1991; "Northern Middlesex Council of Governments", established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B, and as amended by chapter 357 of the Acts of 1972, chapter 14 of the Acts of 1974 and chapter 420 of the Acts of 1989; "Old Colony Planning Council", established under chapter 332 of the Acts of 1967, and as amended by chapter 663 of the Acts of 1973; "Pioneer Valley Planning Commission", established under Section 3 of said chapter 40B, and "Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District", established under Section 9 of said chapter 40B.

SECTION 2. The Governor shall direct all executive branch agencies, commissions and departments to evaluate all grant, loan, and technical assistance programs

23 administered by such for opportunities to promote, facilitate and implement inter-municipal
24 cooperation, collaboration, and regional service delivery at the local level.

25 Each department, agency, and commission within the executive branch shall
26 provide evaluation results to the Governor within ninety (90) days, with the goal to identify
27 opportunities to leverage state resources to promote regional, efficient solutions to common
28 problems. Independent agencies and commissions are encouraged to undertake similar
29 evaluations of any grant, loan, or technical assistance program administered by them.

30 SECTION 3. The Governor shall direct the chairman of the Municipal Affairs
31 Coordinating Cabinet to evaluate departmental programs for opportunities to increase
32 collaboration between communities, and make recommendations to the Governor on the most
33 promising opportunities that would achieve the aforementioned aims of efficient and enhanced
34 local government service delivery.

35 SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any
36 executive agency which administers a program through which funding may be provided to a
37 municipality, shall encourage municipal efficiencies by prioritizing those applications for funds
38 which come from cities or towns that have developed a method by which to jointly and more
39 efficiently utilize such funding.

40 SECTION 5. Section 22A of chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby
41 amended by striking the words "the state purchasing agent subject to such rules, regulations and
42 procedures as may be established from time to time by the purchasing agent" and inserting in
43 place thereof the following words:-

44 the state purchasing agent or a regional planning agency established pursuant to chapter
45 40B of the General Laws or special act, subject to such rules, regulations and procedures as may
46 be established from time to time by said purchasing agent or regional planning agency.

47 SECTION 6. The Governor shall direct the executive office of administration
48 and finance to amend 801 C.M.R. 21.00 to state that contracts between regional planning
49 agencies and any Executive Office, Department, Agency, Office, Division, Board, Commission
50 or Institution within the Executive Branch to provide or to receive services, facilities, staff
51 assistance or money payments shall be the equivalent of interdepartmental service agreements
52 and exempt from the provisions of 801 C.M.R. 21.00.

53 SECTION 7. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after the
54 second paragraph of Section 5 of chapter 40B the following paragraphs:-

55 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, planning
56 commissions established hereunder may administer and provide regional services to member
57 cities and towns and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns.

58 Planning commissions may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions
59 or regional councils of government to provide such regional services.

60 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by
61 each planning commission's executive committee, and may include any service which may be
62 provided by the municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth. In the event that
63 an executive committee has not been established, such services shall be determined by the
64 district planning commission.

65 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city
66 or town which is a member of the planning commission may enter into a cooperative agreement
67 with said commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member
68 cities and towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by
69 law to perform.

70 All cooperative agreements entered into pursuant to this section by member cities and
71 towns are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant
72 Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor. Notwithstanding the
73 provisions of any other section in this chapter, planning commissions are authorized to enter into
74 contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of the federal or state
75 government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to provide or receive
76 services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the work of planning
77 commissions, and planning commissions may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff
78 assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

79 SECTION 8. Section 14 of said chapter 40B, as so appearing, is hereby
80 amended by inserting after subsection (o) the following subsections:-

81 (p) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, to
82 administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such
83 authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The commission may enter into
84 cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to
85 provide such regional services. Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be
86 determined by the executive committee and may include any service which may be provided by
87 the municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth.

88 (q) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any
89 city or town which is a member of the district may enter into a cooperative agreement with the
90 commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and
91 towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to
92 perform.

93 (r) all cooperative agreements entered into pursuant to subsection (p) or (q) of
94 this section by member cities and towns are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law,
95 require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of
96 the mayor.

97 SECTION 9. Said chapter 40B is hereby further amended by inserting after
98 the final paragraph of Section 29 the following sections:-

99 Section 29A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this
100 chapter, the council is authorized to administer and provide regional services to member cities
101 and towns and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The
102 council may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional
103 councils of government to provide such regional services.

104 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by
105 the executive committee and may include any service which may be provided by the
106 municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth.

107 Section 29B. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this
108 chapter, any city or town which is a member of the council may enter into a cooperative
109 agreement with said council to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other
110 member cities and towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is
111 authorized by law to perform.

112 Section 29C. All cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and
113 towns pursuant to Section 29A or Section 29B are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law,
114 require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of
115 the mayor.

116 SECTION 10. Section 4 of chapter 716 of the Acts of 1989 is hereby
117 amended by inserting after subsection (a)(27) the following subsections:-

118 (28) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this chapter, to
119 administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such
120 authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The commission may enter into
121 cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to
122 provide such regional services. Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be
123 determined by the commission and may include any service which may be provided by the
124 municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth.

125 (29) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any
126 city or town which is a member of the commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with
127 said commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities

128 and towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to
129 perform.

130 (30) all cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns
131 pursuant to subsections (28) and (29) of this section are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other
132 law, require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval
133 of the mayor.

134 (31) notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the
135 commission is authorized to

136 enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of the
137 federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to
138 provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the
139 work of the commission, and the commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff
140 assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

141 SECTION 11. Section 3 of chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977 is hereby
142 amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph the following section:-

143 Section 3A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section of this
144 chapter, the commission may administer and provide regional services to member cities and
145 towns and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The
146 commission may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional
147 councils of government to provide such regional services.

148 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by
149 the commission and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any
150 other public entity in the commonwealth.

151 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city
152 or town which is a member of the commission may enter into a cooperative agreement with said
153 commission to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and
154 towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to
155 perform.

156 All cooperative agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to Section
157 3A are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board
158 of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

159 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the commission is
160 authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of
161 the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to
162 provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the

163 work of the commission, and the commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff
164 assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

165 SECTION 12. Section 2 of chapter 561 of the Acts of 1973 is hereby
166 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

167 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the
168 Commission may administer and provide regional services to the county and town. The
169 Commission may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional
170 councils of government to provide such regional services.

171 Regional services provided to the county and town shall be determined by the
172 Commission and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any
173 other public entity in the commonwealth.

174 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the
175 county and town which is a member of the Commission may enter into a cooperative agreement
176 with said Commission to perform jointly any service, activity or undertaking which such county
177 or town is authorized by law to perform.

178 All agreements entered into by the county or town pursuant to this section are
179 voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the Board of Selectmen.

180 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the
181 Commission is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or
182 subdivision of the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or
183 public authority to provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in
184 connection with the work of the Commission, and the Commission may contribute or receive
185 services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and
186 agreements.

187 SECTION 13. Section 2 of chapter 332 of the Acts of 1967 is hereby
188 amended by inserting after the seventh paragraph the following section:-

189 Section 2A. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this
190 chapter, the Council may administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns
191 and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The Council
192 may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of
193 government to provide such regional services.

194 Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by
195 the Council and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any
196 other public entity in the commonwealth.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, any city or town which is a member of the Council may enter into a cooperative agreement with said Council to perform jointly or for the other or in cooperation with other member cities and towns, any service, activity or undertaking which such city or town is authorized by law to perform.

All agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to this section are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

SECTION 14. Subsection (U) of Section 567 of chapter 151 of the Acts of 1996 is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraphs:-

Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, the Franklin Council of Governments may administer and provide regional services to member cities and towns and may delegate such authority to subregional groups of such cities and towns. The Council of Governments may enter into cooperative agreements with other planning commissions or regional councils of government to provide such regional services.

Regional services provided to member municipalities shall be determined by the Council of Governments Committee and may include any service which may be provided by the municipality or any other public entity in the commonwealth.

All agreements entered into by member cities and towns pursuant to this section are voluntary, and notwithstanding any other law, require authorization by the relevant Board of Selectmen or City Council, with the approval of the mayor.

Notwithstanding the provisions of any other section in this chapter, the Franklin Council of Governments is authorized to enter into contracts and agreements with any department, agency or subdivision of the federal or state government and any individual, corporation, association or public authority to provide or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments in connection with the work of the commission, and the commission may contribute or receive services, facilities, staff assistance or money payments as consideration such contracts and agreements.

SECTION 15. Section 2 of chapter 40D of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in the first paragraph, the words “a town at an annual meeting or a special meeting called for the purpose” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by the board of selectmen, in a town.

SECTION 16. Said section 2 of said chapter 40D is hereby amended by striking out, in the third paragraph, the words “at an annual or special town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- its board of selectmen.

SECTION 17. Section 3 of chapter 121C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words “a town at an annual town meeting or a special town meeting called for the purpose” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by the board of selectmen in a town.

SECTION 18. Section 30B of chapter 41, as amended by section 26 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by striking out the words “by vote of their legislative bodies” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- by vote of the city council with the approval of the mayor, in a city, and by vote of the board of selectmen, in a town.

SECTION 19. Section 27B of chapter 111, is hereby amended by striking out the words “and by vote of a town at a regular annual town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and by a vote of the board of selectmen.

SECTION 20. Said section 27B of said chapter 111 is hereby amended by striking the words “at a town meeting” and inserting in place thereof the following:- by vote of the board of selectmen.

SECTION 21. Section 44A of chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking out the words “a town meeting” and inserting thereof the following words:- the board of selectmen.

SECTION 22. Said section 44A of said chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking the word “moderator” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- board of selectmen.

SECTION 23. Said section 44A of said chapter 40, is hereby amended by striking Section 44E and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 44E. The selectmen of each of the several towns, upon receipt of a recommendation that a regional refuse disposal district be established, shall vote on accepting such plan. The mayors of the several cities, upon receipt of a recommendation that a regional refuse disposal district be established, shall submit the question of accepting such plan to the city council within sixty days after receipt of the recommendation.

If a majority of the members of each city council voting on the question and the board of selectmen in each town shall vote in the affirmative, the proposed regional refuse disposal district shall be deemed to be established forthwith in accordance with the terms of the proposed agreement.”

SECTION 24. Subsection subsection (f) of said section 44 of said chapter is hereby amended by striking the words “a majority of the voters present and voting on the matter at a town meeting called for the purpose of expressing such disapproval” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the board of selectmen.

265 SECTION 25. Section 3 of chapter 115, is hereby amended by striking out
266 the last sentence in the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

267 Two or more municipalities may, by approval of the mayor or manager in a
268 city or by vote of the board of selectmen in a town, appoint one person to serve as veterans'
269 agent for such municipalities and may apportion the payment of compensation among such
270 municipalities.

271 SECTION 26. Section 10 of said chapter 115, is hereby amended by striking
272 out the first sentence of the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
273 sentence:-

274 Two or more municipalities may, in a city by vote of the city council thereof,
275 and in a town by vote of the selectmen thereof, form a district for the purposes set forth in the
276 first paragraph of this section, including the appointment and compensation of a director of
277 veterans' services, for the enforcement therein of such purposes and of such other provisions of
278 law as it may be his duty to enforce.

279 SECTION 27. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after
280 section 4A of chapter 40 the following section:-

281 Section 4A½. (a) For purposes of this section, the following words shall have
282 the following meanings:-

283 "Governmental unit", a city, town or a regional school district, a district as
284 defined in section 1A, a regional planning commission, however constituted, a regional transit
285 authority established under chapter 161B, a water and sewer commission established under
286 chapter 40N or by special law, a county, or a state agency as defined in section 1 of chapter 6A.

287 "Joint powers agreement", a contract specifying the terms and conditions of
288 the joint exercise of powers and duties entered into by participating governmental units pursuant
289 to the laws governing any such unit and the provisions of this section.

290 "Region", any geographically-designated area within which the powers and
291 duties provided in a joint powers agreement shall be exercised.

292 (b) Notwithstanding any general law or special act to the contrary, the chief
293 executive officer of a city or town, or a board, committee or officer authorized by law to execute
294 a contract in the name of a governmental unit may, on behalf of the unit, enter into a joint powers
295 agreement with another governmental unit for the joint exercise of any of their common powers
296 and duties within a designated region. The joint powers agreement shall be authorized by the
297 parties thereto in the following manner: in a city by the city council with the approval of the
298 mayor, in a town by the board of selectmen and in a district by the prudential committee. A

299 decision to enter into a joint powers agreement under this section, or to join an existing region,
300 shall not be subject to bargaining under chapter 150E.

301 (c) The joint powers agreement shall specify:

302 (1) its purpose and the method by which the purpose sought shall be
303 accomplished;

304 (2) the services, activities or undertakings to be jointly performed within the
305 region;

306 (3) the specific organization, composition and nature of any separate legal or
307 administrative entity created thereby to perform the services, activities or undertakings within the
308 region, and the specific powers and duties delegated thereto, provided such entity may be legally
309 created. Such entity may include an independent entity created pursuant to subsection (d), a
310 nonprofit corporation organized pursuant to chapter 180 whose membership is limited solely to
311 the participating governmental units, a limited partnership organized pursuant to chapter 109
312 whose membership is limited solely to the participating governmental units, or a limited liability
313 company organized under chapter 156C whose membership is limited solely to the participating
314 governmental units. The funds of any such entity, corporation, limited partnership, or limited
315 liability company shall be subject to audit in the manner provided by law for the auditing of
316 public funds.

317 (4) the manner of financing the joint services, activities or undertakings
318 within the region and of establishing and maintaining a budget therefore;

319 (5) any procedures related to the termination of the joint powers agreement,
320 the withdrawal of any participating governmental unit and the addition of any new governmental
321 units.

322 (6) its duration.

323 (d) A joint powers agreement may create a new independent entity for the
324 purposes of carrying out the powers and duties of a region. The powers of an entity established
325 pursuant to this subsection shall include, but not be limited to, the power to: (1) sue and be sued;
326 (2) make and execute contracts and other instruments necessary for the exercise of the powers of
327 the region; (3) make and from time to time amend and repeal policies and procedures relative to
328 the operation of the region; (4) receive and expend funds; (5) apply for and receive grants from
329 the commonwealth, the federal government and from other grantors; and (6) any such other
330 powers as are necessary to properly carry out its powers as an independent entity.

331 Such entity shall be governed by a board of directors comprised of at least
332 one member representing each participating governmental unit. The board of directors shall

333 coordinate the activities of the region and may establish any policies and procedures necessary to
334 do so.

335 The board of directors shall establish and manage a fund to which all monies
336 contributed by the participating governmental units, and all grants and gifts from the federal or
337 state government or any other source shall be deposited. The board of directors shall appoint a
338 treasurer who may be a treasurer of one of the participating governmental units. The treasurer,
339 subject to the direction and approval of the board of directors, shall be authorized to receive,
340 invest and disburse all funds of the region without further appropriation. The treasurer shall give
341 bond for the faithful performance of his duties in a form and amount as fixed by the board of
342 directors.

343 The board of directors may borrow money, enter into long or short-term loan
344 agreements or mortgages and apply for state, federal or corporate grants or contracts to obtain
345 funds necessary to carry out the purposes of the region. The board of directors may enter into
346 contracts for the purchase of supplies, materials and services and for the purchase or lease of
347 land, buildings and equipment as deemed necessary.

348 The entity shall be deemed to be a public employer and the board of directors
349 may employ personnel to carry out the purposes of the joint powers agreement and establish the
350 duties, compensation and other terms and conditions of employment of personnel.

351 (e) A participating governmental unit shall not liable for the acts or omission
352 of another participating government unit or the region or any entity created by the joint powers
353 agreement, unless the participating governmental unit has agreed otherwise in the joint powers
354 agreement.

355 SECTION 28. There shall be established and set upon the books of the
356 commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Regionalization Incentive and
357 Implementation Fund. Amounts credited to the fund shall be administered by the division of
358 local services within the department of revenue which shall determine that the funds are used for
359 activities consistent with the purpose of this act and the Massachusetts management and
360 accounting report system. The amounts shall be used, without further appropriation, solely for
361 the administration and implementation of this section.

362 The fund shall be a separate and expendable trust fund administered by the
363 division of local services within the department of revenue. There shall be credited to the fund,
364 revenue from appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically
365 designated to be credited to the fund and investment income earned on the fund's assets, and all
366 other sources. Money remaining in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the
367 General Fund, and shall be allocated to the fund the following fiscal year.

368 One hundred percent of the monies deposited in the Regional Incentive and
369 Implementation Fund, but not more than $4,000,000.00 in the aggregate in any fiscal year, shall
370 be used by the department of housing and community development within the executive office of
371 housing and economic development to provide grants on a competitive basis to districts and
372 municipalities, including councils of government and regional planning agencies that are
373 applying on behalf of two or more municipal entities, to fund the regionalization of municipal
374 services including, but not limited to, the areas of planning, implementation, transitional costs,
375 staff, operations, equipment, hardware, facilities, the subsidization of salaries for positions to
376 perform municipal functions jointly and projects to implement joint services, and related subject
377 areas.

378 Grant applications shall be reviewed by a panel including the department of
379 housing and community development, executive office of administration and finance and
380 department of revenue division of local services.

381 The department of housing and community development shall promulgate
382 rules and regulations for the administration of the Regionalization Incentive and Implementation
383 Fund.

384 SECTION 29. 1599-2010. For a reserve to fund the District Local Technical
385 Assistance Fund including projects that encourage regionalization to be administered by the
386 division of local services and distributed through the District Local Technical Assistance Fund,
387 established in section 2XXX of chapter 29 of the General Laws..... $2,800,000