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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 establishing the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Harriette L. Chandler	*First Worcester*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*
Jennifer L. Flanagan	*Worcester and Middlesex*
Anne M. Gobi	*5th Worcester*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
Cleon H. Turner	*1st Barnstable*
Lori A. Ehrlich	*8th Essex*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Gale D. Candaras	*First Hampden and Hampshire*
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	*2nd Worcester*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*
John J. Binienda	*17th Worcester*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*
John P. Fresolo	*16th Worcester*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*

Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Stephen L. DiNatale	*3rd Worcester*

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 927) of Harriette L. Chandler, Mary S. Keefe, Jennifer L. Flanagan, Anne M. Gobi and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *2099* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act establishing the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women.

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. There is established a permanent commission on the status of women in Worcester county consisting of 9 persons who are to be appointed by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. The commission shall conduct an ongoing study of all matters concerning women in Worcester county. The commission shall report their findings to the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women annually, on or before June 2, and recommend solutions to the problems facing the women of Worcester county. The Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women shall make such appointments to the Worcester commission from a pool of applicants who reside in Worcester county. (1) Members shall serve a term of 3 years and until their successors are appointed. Commissioners may be reappointed for 2 consecutive terms. After the completion of 2 consecutive terms, former commissioners may reapply to serve on the commission after a year has passed since their last term. The initial members of the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women shall be appointed for the following terms: 3 members for a term of one year, 3 members for a term of two years, and 3 members for a term of 3 years. (2) Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women for the balance of the unexpired term. (3) Appointments by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women to the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women shall be made in consultation with women's organizations. Nominations shall be solicited between August 1 and

September 16 of each year through an open application that is widely distributed throughout Worcester county. Members of the commission should be diverse and represent different towns and municipalities in Worcester county. (4) Members shall serve on the commission as volunteers and will not be compensated. (5) The commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a treasurer and any other officers it deems necessary.