

HOUSE No. 1257

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cahill

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 to define the jurisdiction of the local housing authority for implementation of rental assistance programs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Cahill of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1257) of Daniel Cahill and others for legislation to define the jurisdiction of the local housing authority for implementation of rental assistance programs. Housing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to define the jurisdiction of the local housing authority for implementation of rental assistance programs.

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

1 Section 3 of Chapter 121B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following sentence in line 7 after the word
3 “provided”:-

4 The jurisdiction of a housing authority of a city or town, to provide housing for families,
5 elderly persons of low income, and handicapped persons of low income in accordance with
6 sections 25-40 of this chapter shall be the city or town or the local government, in another city or
7 town, where no housing authority exists, authorizing provision of housing in said other city or
8 town. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, for the
9 purposes of the federal Section 8 leased housing program, excluding DHCD, so called
10 jurisdiction of a housing authority shall be limited to the city or town in which it has been duly
11 created, unless there exists an agreement with the housing authority of another city or town or the
12 local government in another city or town, where no housing authority exists, authorizing the

13 administration of the Section 8 program, so-called, in said other city or town. However, in no
14 instance shall such agreement be unreasonable withheld.