

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1719**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Vega*

*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 relative to the structure of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1719) of Aaron Vega and Carlos Gonzalez relative to the structure of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the structure of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board.

*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 1. Subsection (a) of Section 9R of Chapter 23 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 repealed and replaced with the following:-

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4 (a) There shall be in the department of labor relations a commonwealth employment  
5 relations board, in this and the following 5 sections called the "board," consisting of 3 members  
6 to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of organized labor, 1 of  
7 whom shall be a representative of municipal management chosen from a list of 3 candidates  
8 provided by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, and 1 of whom shall be neutral. The  
9 board shall in no respect be subject to the jurisdiction of the executive office of labor and  
10 workforce development except to the extent of compliance with reasonable requests from the  
11 secretary for the sharing of information which does not interfere with the efficient and  
12 independent functioning of the board. Each member of the board shall be appointed for a term of

13 5 years; provided, however, that a term of appointment shall be shortened, if necessary, to ensure  
14 that the members' terms are staggered such that a term expires every 2 years. Any vacancy in the  
15 board shall be filled by appointment in like manner. No more than 2 members shall be from the  
16 same political party. Upon the expiration of the term of any member, her successor shall be  
17 appointed in like manner. Any member may be removed by the governor for neglect of duty or  
18 malfeasance in office, but for no other cause.