

SENATE No. 1802

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert L. Hedlund

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 create the position of musician laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Robert L. Hedlund

David F. DeCoste

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Plymouth and Norfolk

5th Plymouth

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By Mr. Hedlund, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1802) of Robert L. Hedlund and David F. DeCoste for legislation to create the position of musician laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to create the position of musician laureate for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section
2 38, the following section:-

3 Section XX. (a) Biennially, on or before March 31, the governor may appoint a musician
4 laureate for the commonwealth of Massachusetts from a list of nominees submitted by the
5 musician laureate nominating committee pursuant to subsection (b). The musician laureate shall
6 seek to raise the consciousness of all commonwealth residents, especially school children, to a
7 greater appreciation of music. The musician laureate shall be appointed to serve for a term of 2
8 years or until a successor is appointed and qualified as provided in this section. In the event of a
9 vacancy in the office of musician laureate, the vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the
10 original appointment.

11 (b) There shall be a musician laureate nominating committee consisting of the following
12 5 members: the speaker of the house of representatives, or a designee; the senate president, or a

13 designee; and 3 members appointed by the governor, 2 of whom shall be members of the board
14 of directors of the Massachusetts cultural council. Members of the musician laureate nominating
15 committee shall serve without compensation.

16 (c) The musician laureate nominating committee shall advertise and receive nominations
17 for the selection of the musician laureate for the commonwealth of Massachusetts. Nominees
18 shall be residents of the commonwealth and shall provide biographical and professional
19 information, as well as supporting representative material, explaining why, based on their
20 musical accomplishments, they deserve recognition as the musician laureate for commonwealth
21 of Massachusetts. The musician laureate nominating committee shall review all nominations and
22 select 3 nominees to submit to the governor biennially on or before February 1.

23 (d) The musician laureate shall be an honorary position and the person appointed shall
24 receive no remuneration. The person appointed to the position of musician laureate shall not be
25 considered a state official or a state employee for such person's service in the position of
26 musician laureate.