

SENATE No. 02099

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 bill:

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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Harriette L. Chandler

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First Worcester

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Jennifer L. Flanagan

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Worcester and Middlesex

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12 and Senate Rule 20) (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2099) of Harriette L. Chandler and Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to establish the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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:

1 SECTION 1. There is established a permanent commission on the status of women in
2 Worcester county consisting of 9 persons who are to be appointed by the Massachusetts
3 Commission on the Status of Women. The commission shall conduct an ongoing study of all
4 matters concerning women in Worcester county. The commission shall report their findings to
5 the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women annually, on or before June 2, and
6 recommend solutions to the problems facing the women of Worcester county. The Massachusetts
7 Commission on the Status of Women shall make such appointments to the Worcester
8 commission from a pool of applicants who reside in Worcester county. (1) Members shall serve a
9 term of 3 years and until their successors are appointed. Commissioners may be reappointed for
10 2 consecutive terms. After the completion of 2 consecutive terms, former commissioners may
11 reapply to serve on the commission after a year has passed since their last term. The initial

12 members of the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women shall be appointed for
13 the following terms: 3 members for a term of one year, 3 members for a term of two years, and 3
14 members for a term of 3 years. (2) Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
15 filled by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women for the balance of the
16 unexpired term. (3) Appointments by the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women to
17 the Worcester County Commission on the Status of Women shall be made in consultation with
18 women's organizations. Nominations shall be solicited between August 1 and September 16 of
19 each year through an open application that is widely distributed throughout Worcester county.
20 Members of the commission should be diverse and represent different towns and municipalities
21 in Worcester county. (4) Members shall serve on the commission as volunteers and will not be
22 compensated. (5) The commission shall elect from among its members a chair, a vice chair, a
23 treasurer and any other officers it deems necessary.