

HOUSE No. 3460

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins and Linda Dorcena Forry

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 regarding the composition of the Boston Arts Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

4th Suffolk

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By Representative Collins of Boston and Senator Forry, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3460) of Nick Collins (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the composition of the Boston Arts Commission. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act regarding the composition of the Boston Arts Commission.

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 410 of the acts of 1898 is hereby amended by striking out section 1
2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be
4 within the mayor’s office of arts, tourism and special events, or its successor, a Boston art
5 commission which shall consist of 9 commissioners, all of whom shall be residents of the city of
6 Boston, to be appointed by the mayor, 1 of whom shall be selected from 3 candidates nominated
7 by the Boston Society of Architects, 1 of whom shall be selected from 3 candidates nominated
8 by the Museum of Fine Arts, 1 of whom shall be selected from 3 candidates nominated by the
9 trustees of the Public Library of the city of Boston, 1 of whom shall be selected from 3
10 candidates nominated by the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, 1 of whom shall be selected
11 from 3 candidates nominated by the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, 1 of whom shall
12 be selected from 3 candidates nominated by the Institute of Contemporary Art, and 1 person who

13 has demonstrated distinguished service to the arts, appointed at the discretion of the mayor's
14 office of arts, tourism and special events, or its successor, to ensure that the Boston art
15 commission represents diverse perspectives on the arts. The director of the mayor's office of arts,
16 tourism and special events, or its successor, and the head of urban design at the Boston
17 Redevelopment Authority shall serve on the commission, ex officio and without additional
18 compensation, and each shall have an official vote.

19 Commission members shall serve for terms of 5 years but, if invited by the mayor, a
20 commissioner may serve for an additional 5 years. A vacancy on the commission shall be filled
21 in like manner for the unexpired term and, after that term has expired, a successor commissioner
22 shall be appointed for a term of 5 years. A commission member whose term has expired shall
23 continue in office until a successor is appointed. Commissioners shall serve without
24 compensation. The daily operations of the commission shall be run by a director, which shall be
25 a paid position through the city of Boston.

26 The commission shall not be subject to the supervision or control of the mayor's office of
27 arts, tourism and special events, or its successor, or any member thereof, and, unless otherwise
28 ordered by the mayor, commission members shall not communicate with the mayor except
29 through the mayor's office of arts, tourism and special events, or its successor, and shall not
30 make an annual or other report except through the mayor's office of arts, tourism and special
31 events, or its successor.

32 The commission shall adopt, and may from time to time amend, by-laws concerning its
33 internal management and, after public hearing, may adopt and from time to time amend

34 regulations for the interpretation, implementation, administration and enforcement of this act and
35 such regulations shall be in addition to those required by sections 2 and 3.

36 Annually on May 1 or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, the commission shall
37 elect from among its members a chair and a vice-chair. The roles, powers and term limits of the
38 chair and vice-chair shall be determined by the commission as provided in the by-laws. City
39 employees shall not be eligible for the offices of chair or vice-chair.

40 The commission shall have all of the powers and perform all of the duties conferred or
41 imposed by law on the board of art commissioners in existence immediately prior to the effective
42 date of chapter 8 of the ordinances of 1953.

43 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.