

SENATE No. 1817

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 a special commission to study an appropriate location for a public library in South Boston.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	
<i>David Biele</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1817) of Nick Collins and David Biele for legislation relative to a special commission to study an appropriate location for a public library in South Boston. State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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

An Act relative to a special commission to study an appropriate location for a public library in South Boston.

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

1 There shall be a special commission to study an appropriate location for a public library
2 in the South Boston section of the city of Boston. The commission shall consist of the following
3 members: the State Senator from the First Suffolk District who shall serve as co-chair; the State
4 Representative from the Fourth Suffolk District who shall serve as co-chair; the Mayor of Boston
5 or a designee; The Boston City Councilor from District 2 or a designee; the commissioner of the
6 Department of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance or a designee; 2 members appointed
7 by the governor, 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3 persons nominated by the
8 Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners; and 1 of whom shall be selected from a list of 3
9 persons nominated by the Boston Planning and Development Agency.

10 The commission shall investigate and study the feasibility of a Public Library in South
11 Boston, including an appropriate location. The commission may consider incorporation of a
12 library into a larger civic space, modern concepts of library space, and flexible use of library

13 space for civic and community purposes. The commission shall take into consideration any
14 monies or bonding authority outlined for this purpose in Chapter 113 of the acts of 2018. The
15 commission shall report its findings, including any proposed legislation or action, to the chairs of
16 the senate and house committees on Ways and Means, the Mayor of Boston, and the Secretary of
17 Administration and Finance not later than December 31, 2020.