

City of Northampton
MASSACHUSETTS

In City Council, November 18, 2021

Upon the recommendation of Mayor David J. Narkewicz

21.253 An Order for Special Legislation to Eliminate Party Appointments to the License Commission

Ordered, that

WHEREAS, M.G.L. c. 138, § 4 provides that “[o]ne member [of the License Commission] shall be appointed from each of the two leading political parties and the third member may also be appointed from one of said parties”; and

WHEREAS, Section 8-5 of the Northampton City Charter provides for non-partisan elections in the city; and

WHEREAS, Appointments to the License Commission on the basis of party affiliation does not serve the interests of the City of Northampton.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED

Voted, to petition the General Court to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows. The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the mayor approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court. The mayor is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

AN ACT EXEMPTING THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON FROM APPOINTMENTS TO THE NORTHAMPTON LICENSE COMMISSION ON THE BASIS OF PARTY AFFILIATION

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the second sentence of section 4 of chapter 138, the mayor of the city of Northampton may appoint members to the Northampton License Commission without regard to party affiliation.

SECTION 2. The remaining provisions of section 4 of chapter 138 shall continue to apply to appointments to the Northampton License Commission.

This act shall take effect upon its passage.