



CITY OF BOSTON • MASSACHUSETTS

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
MARTIN J. WALSH

January 23, 2017

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval a home rule petition to the General Court entitled “Petition for A Special Law Re: An Act Further Regulating the Appointment of Trustees of the Public Library of the City of Boston.”

This Home Rule Petition will enable the Boston Public Library’s Board of Trustees to expand to up to fifteen (15) trustees from its current composition of nine (9) trustees. By expanding the number of trustees, the City believes that the Boston Public Library will become a stronger institution for the twenty first century and beyond, with increased ability to tap broader leadership across governing roles of oversight, community representation and support.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order expeditiously to help further the work of the Board of Trustees.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

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**ORDERED:** That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this Order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause One (1) of Section Eight (8) of Article Two (2), as amended, of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE: AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF THE CITY OF BOSTON**

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 3 of chapter 114 of the acts of 1878, as most recently amended by chapter 157 of the acts of 1994, is hereby amended by striking out the phrase "shall be nine in number" and inserting in place thereof the phrase "shall be up to fifteen in number."

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT  
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN  
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.  
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