

AMENDMENT

In the Year Two Thousand and Eighteen

Upon the Recommendation of Councilor Ryan R. O'Donnell

18.142 AN ORDER

TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION IN RELATIVE TO THE NORTHAMPTON HOUSING AUTHORITY

Ordered, that the Mayor is authorized and requested to seek state legislation as follows:

Ordered that the Mayor is hereby authorized and requested to petition the General Court to the end that the following 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 Expanding the Membership of the
Housing Authority in the City of Northampton
An Act Relative to the Northampton Housing Authority

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

~~SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, members of the housing authority of Northampton shall include, in addition to the five members provided by Chapter 121B Section 5, six additional members each of whom shall be a tenant in a building owned and operated by or on behalf of the housing authority. These six members shall be chosen in an election among all tenants of the buildings owned and operated by or on behalf of the housing authority for a term of two years. Such elections shall be held in accordance with regulations promulgated by the housing authority and/or the department. In the case of a vacancy, the Mayor shall appoint a tenant member, subject to City Council approval, to fill the remainder of the unexpired term. Six members shall constitute a quorum.~~

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, members of the Northampton housing authority shall include two members in addition to the five members provided by Chapter 121B, Section 5. One member appointed pursuant to this act shall be a tenant in a building owned and operated by or on behalf of the housing authority or a resident of Northampton who is assisted by the housing authority through a rental subsidy program. The other member appointed pursuant to this act shall be a member of the Northampton Housing

Partnership or such successor municipal body charged with promoting fair and affordable housing in the city. The members appointed pursuant to this act shall be appointed by the Mayor, with City Council approval, for initial terms of one year and three years, respectively. Thereafter, as the terms of the members expire, their successors shall be appointed in the same manner for a term of three years. A majority of total members of the authority, as amended hereby, shall constitute a quorum.

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