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Massachusetts

60+ Years of Service

Where we've been

- **Institutions**
- **Consent Decrees**
- **Home & Community Based Waivers**
- **Turning 22**
- **ADA**
- **Olmstead**
- **Belchertown Closes**
- **Community for all & Boulet Waiting List**
- **Bills – real lives, autism, background checks**

Our History



“Result of Advocacy”

JFK signs Public Law 88-164 in
1963 – Community Mental Health Act



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Advocacy

There are Many Ways to Advocate



What is Advocacy?

- Clearly communicating an issue, or cause to educate or persuade change.
- Year-round communication to educate & inform elected officials.
- Can be a simple personal statement — very compelling.

Presenting the Story

To be an effective storyteller, you

must have something to tell, someone to tell it to, and the ability to make yourself heard."

Gabbard



| Beginning | Middle | End |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| Where does the story occur? | What happened first, second, third, etc.? | What happened to conclude the story? |
| Who are the important people? | What was the major conflict? | How was the problem resolved? |
| When did the story take place? | What were some of the key feelings elicited? | What was the key theme you learned? |



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Legislature

Legislative Advocacy



MA House of Representatives

Legislative Advocacy



MA State Senate

Calling Your Legislator

Governor



Charlie Baker

Speaker of the House



Ronald Mariano

Senate President

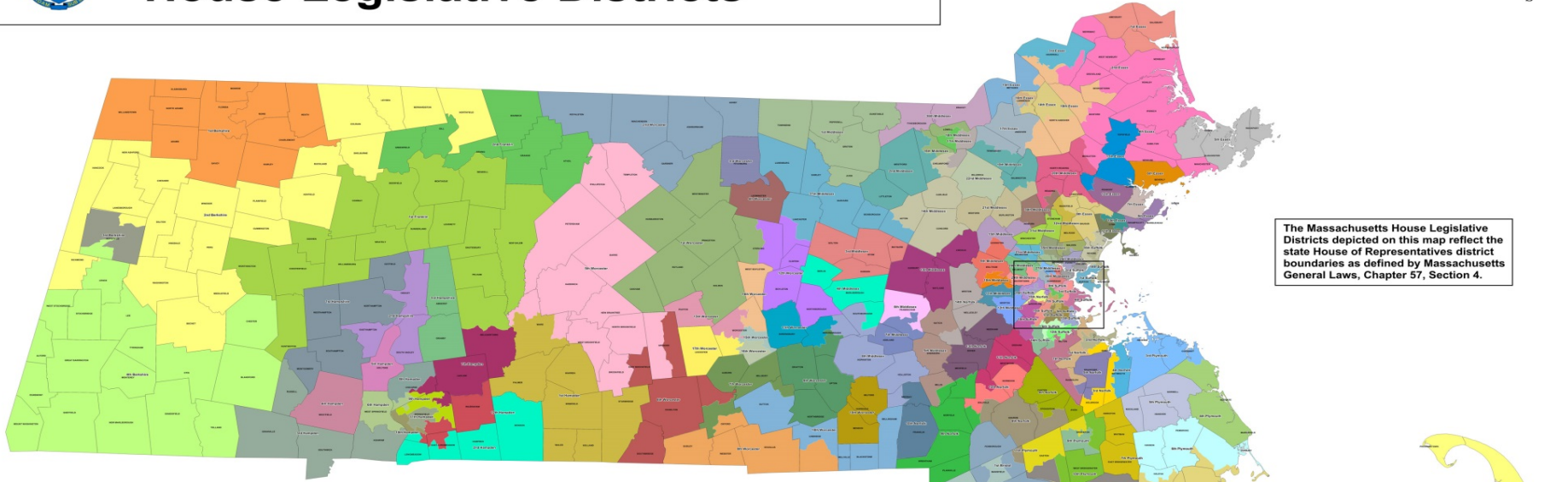


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160 House Districts - 40,000+

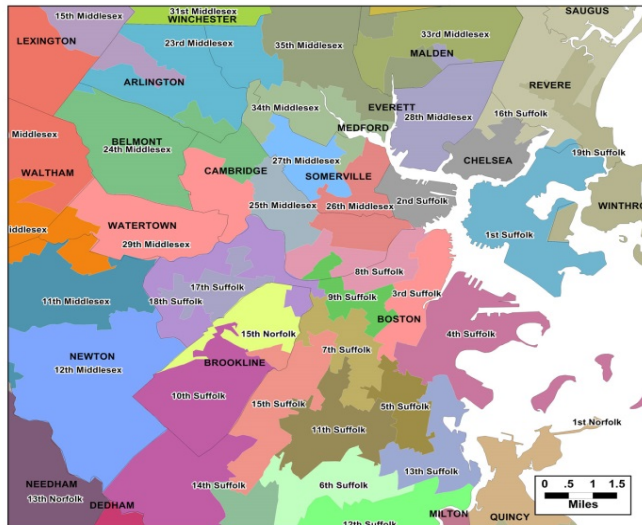


Commonwealth of Massachusetts: House Legislative Districts



The Massachusetts House Legislative Districts depicted on this map reflect the state House of Representatives district boundaries as defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 57, Section 4.

Boston



Legend

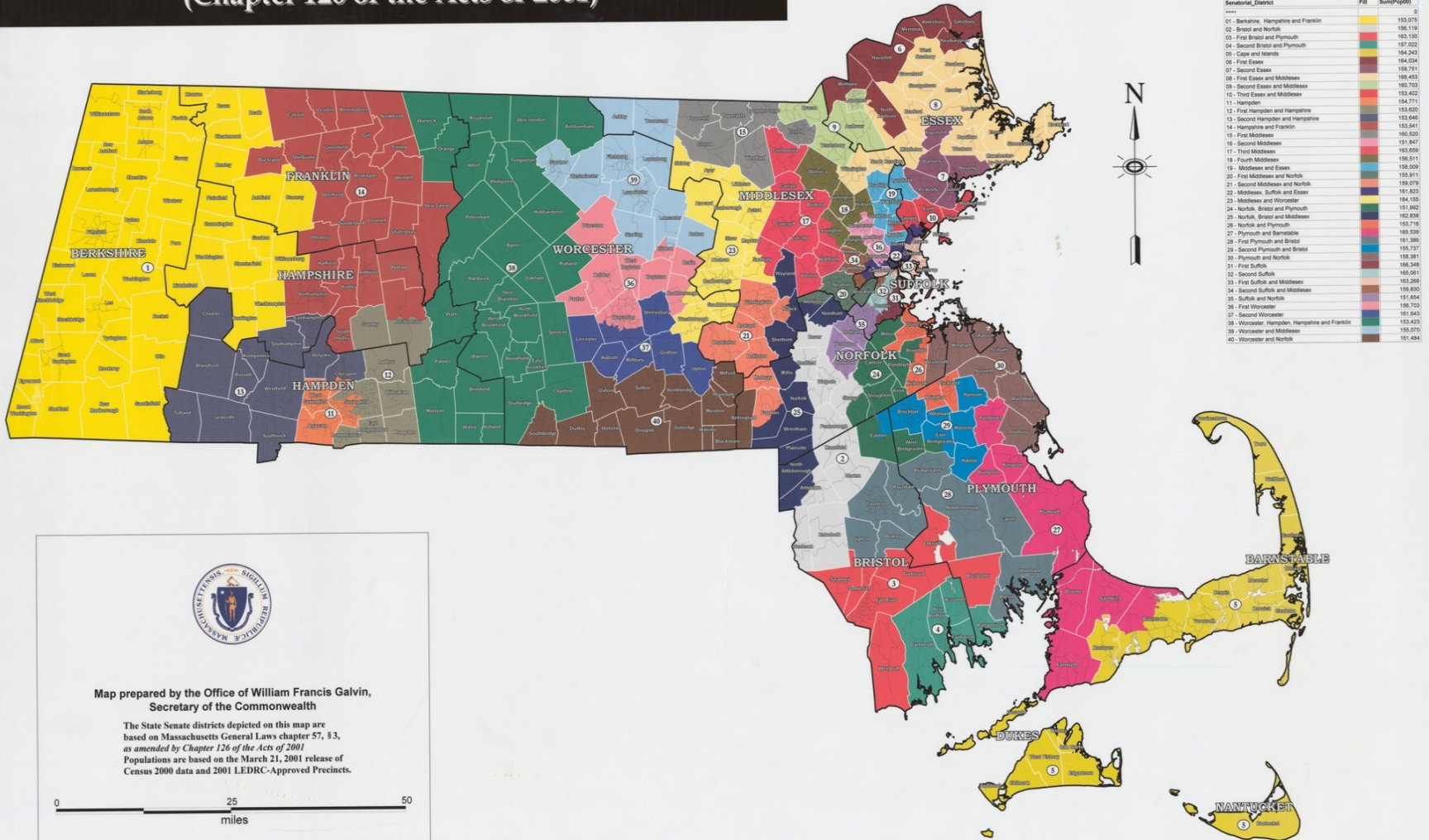
- House Boundaries
- Town Boundaries

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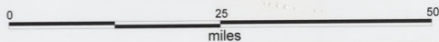
40 State Senate Districts – 160,000+

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Senate Legislative Districts (Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2001)



Map prepared by the Office of William Francis Galvin,
Secretary of the Commonwealth

The State Senate districts depicted on this map are based on Massachusetts General Laws chapter 57, § 3, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 2001. Populations are based on the March 21, 2001 release of Census 2000 data and 2001 LEDRC-Approved Precincts.



Legislative Break Down

MA House of Representatives: 159 (one vacancy)

House Democrats: 129 Republicans: 29

Independent 1

MA Senate: 39 (one vacancy)



Senate Democrats: 36 Republicans: 3

Committees: 31

Cape Cod Legislators 2021-2022

Senators



Julian Cyr - Cape & Islands District - 617-722-1570



Susan Moran – Plymouth & Barnstable District - 617-722-1330

Representatives



Timothy Whellan 1st Barnstable District 617-722-2488



Kip Diggs 2nd Barnstable District 617-722-2800 x7301



David Viera 3rd Barnstable District 617-722-2230



Sarah Peake 4th Barnstable District 617-722-2040



Steven Xiarhos 5th Barnstable District 617-72202800



**Dylan Fernandes - Barnstable, Dukes &
Nantucket District 617-722-2013**



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Learning How a Bill is Passed

HOW A BILL BECOMES A LAW



13 Step Process

1. There Ought to be a Law
2. Bill Filed (3rd January of 1st session)
3. Bill assigned to a Committee
4. Hearing is Held and Testimony Heard

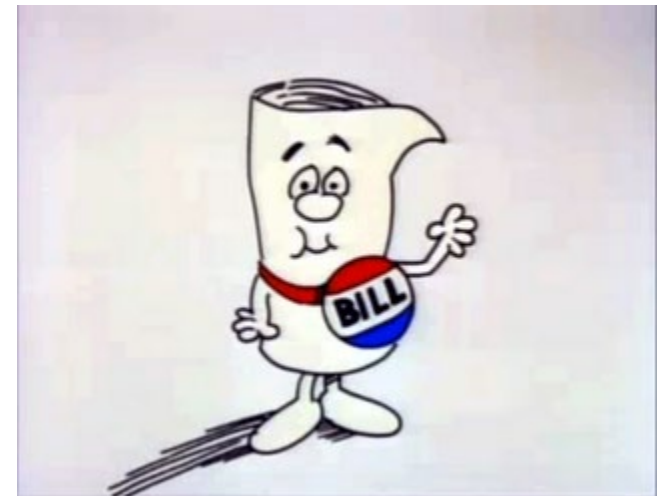
4. Committee Report Directs the Measure's Path - Rejection or on to First Reading
5. Bill Read a Second Time, Debate Begins
6. Bill Proceeds to the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading
7. Bill is Reviewed by the Committee on Bills in the Third Reading
8. Bill Read a Third Time, Floor Debate Continues

9. Bill Passed to be Engrossed by one Legislative Branch
10. Second Legislative Branch Considers Bill
11. Amendments Produce Conflicting Versions
12. Bill Enacted and Sent to Governor
13. The Idea Becomes Law



Tracking a Bill

- Title and bill number and who filed it
- Track bill progress online
- Identify hearing dates
- Organizational support
- Opposition to bill
- Cost to fund bill



How Legislation Begins

- Filing deadline for new bills - 3rd Friday of January in 1st session
- Budget bill H1
- Bills assigned to committees
- Tracking bills: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/Search>
- Hearings
- Full process

Tips on Testifying on a Bill for 3 minutes



- What to know - What to expect - What to say

After Bill Filing

- Obtain co-sponsors to show support
- Develop fact sheet, consider briefing
- Testify at committee hearing (each bill goes through committee)



After Bill Filing

- If costs involved, need to advocate with Ways/Means
- Letter writing, emails, visits to advance vote on bill





State Budget

Budget Advocacy



The Budget Process (September to December)

Gathering info

Impacting Governor's Budget

- State Agency Heads
- Cabinet Members



January into July

- Governor's Budget
- House Budget
- Senate Budget
- Conference Committee
- Governor's Signature
- Vetoes

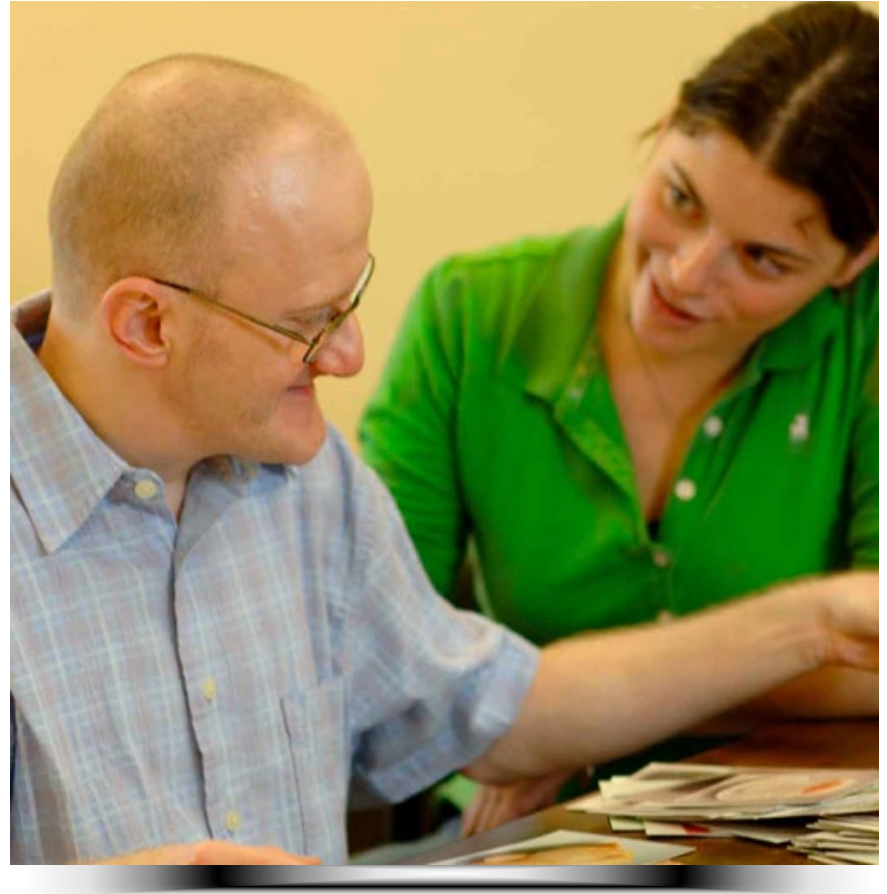


| *State Budget – FY'22*

| Line Item | Name | Total |
|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 5920-3000 | DDS Family Support | \$84,853,898 |
| 5920-5000 | DDS Turning 22 | \$79,948,997 |
| 5920-2000 | Comm. Residential | \$1,408,349,244 |
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Budget & Policy

- The budget reflects policy
- Bills, laws, regulations and guidance (inter-dept. policy) shape how \$\$ are spent



Budget & Policy

- Legislation (bills and laws) can set a foundation for good practices, innovation, etc.
- An adequate budget is key to bringing good policy to life



Current Priorities

1. DDS Budget advocacy, MassHealth
 - Turning 22
2. Supporting Families: aging caregivers, high need families
3. Top 20 bills this session
4. Policy work
 - ADA/Olmstead – evolving HCBS (home and community based services)
 - Regulations



Questions and Wrap Up