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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

Senate Bill 681  
Finance

(Senator Carozza)

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Worcester County - Board of License Commissioners - Membership

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This bill increases, from three to five, the number of members that the Governor must appoint to the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners. The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms provided for board members on June 1, 2026. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2026.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Worcester County salary expenditures increase by \$4,200 beginning in FY 2027 due to the increase in the number of board members under the bill. Worcester County revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The terms of the three members of the board who are in office on the effective date of the bill must expire as follows: (1) the term of the one member whose term is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2027, must expire on June 30, 2027; and (2) the term of the two members whose terms are scheduled to expire on June 30, 2029, must expire on June 30, 2029. The initial terms of the two additional members of the board under the bill must begin July 1, 2026.

**Current Law:** The Worcester County Board of License Commissioners is composed of three members appointed by the Governor at the advice and consent of the Senate. Each

member of the board must be a resident and voter of the county, and an individual of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity. The term of a member is four years. The terms of the members are staggered as required by the terms provided for the members of the board on July 1, 2016.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** The annual salary for each member of the board is \$2,100. Therefore, Worcester County expenditures increase by \$4,200 beginning in fiscal 2027 from the addition of two board members.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 914 (Delegates Hartman and Anderson) - Government, Labor, and Elections.

**Information Source(s):** Worcester County; Department of Legislative Services

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