

Public Works - Regional Refuse Disposal District

Statutory Reference: [M.G.L. c.40, s.44A-44L](#)

Summary: Provides a means to form a regional refuse disposal district

Creation - The establishment of a regional refuse disposal district begins with a decision by a town meeting or city council to form a local regional planning committee. The committee would comprise three members appointed by the moderator in a town and the mayor in a city. Local planning committees from multiple communities would then join together to form a regional refuse disposal board. The role of the regional board is to study the advisability of establishing a regional refuse disposal districts and report back to the selectmen or mayor. The question whether to form a refuse disposal district would be decided by town meeting or by a city council on the basis of a proposed agreement.

Governance - The powers, duties and liabilities of the district are exercised by a regional refuse disposal committee organized in accordance with the agreement. The district is an autonomous legal entity that can, among other things, sue and be sued, issue bonds and incur debt, assess member cities and towns, employ an executive director and staff, enter into contracts.

Finances - The regional commission determines the budget and annually determines the amounts to be apportioned to municipalities in accordance with the terms of the agreement by December 31. Member municipalities raise amounts in the tax levy and make payments to the district in accordance with the agreement and without appropriation.

Employee Rights - None specified

Other - In [s.44l](#), obsolete language refers to audits to be conducted by the state department of corporations and taxation, which is today the department of revenue.

The regional refuse disposal planning board studies the advisability of establishing a district, its organization, operation and control, and of selecting, constructing, maintaining and operating a refuse disposal facility; and estimates construction and operating costs and study methods of financing such district. Each city or town comprising such board may appropriate not more than ten thousand dollars to meet the expenses of the board.