

HOUSE No. 1348

By Mr. Brown of Beverly, petition of Daniel E. McLean (mayor) and the board of aldermen of Beverly that said city be authorized to compensate the members of its board of aldermen. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO COMPENSATE THE MEMBERS OF ITS BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section thirteen of chapter five hundred
2 dred and forty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred
3 and ten, as amended, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the second sentence and inserting in place
5 thereof the following:— Its members shall receive in
6 full compensation for their services as members of the
7 board of aldermen, or of any committee thereof, such
8 salary as may be established by ordinance, but not
9 exceeding five hundred dollars per annum for each
10 member — so as to read as follows:— *Section 13.*
11 The board of aldermen shall, so far as is consistent with
12 this act, have and exercise all the legislative power of
13 towns and of the inhabitants thereof, and shall have
14 and exercise all the powers now vested by law in the
15 city of Beverly and in the inhabitants thereof as a

16 municipal corporation, and shall have all the powers
17 and be subject to all the liabilities of city councils and
18 of either branch thereof, and it may by ordinance pre-
19 scribe the manner in which such powers shall be
20 exercised. Its members shall receive in full compen-
21 sation for their services as members of the board of
22 aldermen, or of any committee thereof, such salary as
23 may be established by ordinance, but not exceeding
24 five hundred dollars per annum for each member.
25 Sessions of the board whether as a board of aldermen
26 or as a committee of the whole shall be open to the
27 public, and a journal of its proceedings shall be kept,
28 which journal shall be subject to public inspection.
29 The vote of the board upon any question shall be taken
30 by roll call when the same is requested by at least
31 three members. Nothing herein shall prevent the
32 board, by special vote, from holding private sittings
33 for the consideration of nominations by the mayor.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for ac-
2 ceptance to the registered voters of the city of Beverly
3 at the biennial state election in the year nineteen
4 hundred and forty-two in the form of the following
5 question which shall be placed upon the official ballot
6 to be used in said city at said election: — “Shall an
7 act passed by the general court in the year nineteen
8 hundred and forty-one, entitled ‘An Act authorizing the
9 city of Beverly to compensate the members of its board
10 of aldermen’, be accepted?” If a majority of the votes
11 cast on said question are in the affirmative, this act
12 shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and
13 forty-three, otherwise it shall have no effect.