

HOUSE No. 1482

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 2, 1933.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 32) of Ernest J. Dean that the Department of Public Welfare investigate complaints of persons aggrieved by failure of cities and towns to render adequate assistance to deserving aged citizens, and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 289) of William S. Conroy that the Department of Public Welfare be authorized to determine all controversies between local boards of public welfare and applications for old age assistance, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1482).

For the committee,

ERNEST J. DEAN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three.

An Act providing for Appeals by Persons Aggrieved by Failure of Cities and Towns to Render Old Age Assistance.

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

1 Chapter one hundred and eighteen A of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
3 two, as appearing in the Tercentenary edition thereof,
4 the following new section: —

5 *Section 2A.* Any person aggrieved by the failure
6 of any town to render assistance under this chapter
7 shall have a right of appeal to a board composed of the
8 superintendent of old age assistance in the department,
9 the director of the division of aid and relief and a mem-
10 ber of the advisory board of the department designated
11 by the commissioner of public welfare, which board
12 shall forthwith make a thorough investigation and
13 determine whether financial assistance, if any, should
14 be rendered, which determination shall be final.