

HOUSE No. 1710

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 3, 1947.

The committee on Public Service, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 53) of Thomas F. Donlan and others for legislation relative to the acceptance by the city of Lynn of the provisions of the general laws providing for a forty-eight hour week for permanent members of fire departments, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 184) of Joseph F. O'Brien, secretary-treasurer, Associated Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, for legislation to provide that cities and towns may vote at city and town elections on the question of acceptance of An Act further regulating the hours of duty of permanent members of fire departments in certain cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 441) of Alfred B. Keith that the law limiting the hours of duty of permanent members of fire departments to forty-eight hours per week be submitted to voters of cities and towns for their acceptance at a state or municipal election, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1610) of Frank G. Bigg and others that the hours of duty be regulated further of permanent members of the fire department of the city of Peabody, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1710).

For the committee,

HENRY L. SHATTUCK.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE QUESTION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW FURTHER REGULATING THE HOURS OF DUTY OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS THEREIN.

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

1 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section
2 fifty-eight B of chapter forty-eight of the General
3 Laws, inserted by section one of chapter four hundred
4 and thirteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-
5 five, upon petition of not less than ten per cent of the
6 registered voters in a city or town, duly certified by
7 the registrars of voters and filed with the city or town
8 clerk not less than thirty days before the regular mu-
9 nicipal election, if any, of such city in the current
10 year, or before the annual town election of such town
11 in the year nineteen hundred and forty-eight, the city
12 or town clerk shall cause to be printed upon the official
13 ballot to be used in such city or town at such election
14 the following question: — “Shall section fifty-eight B
15 of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws, providing
16 for a forty-eight hour week for permanent members
17 of fire departments, be accepted?” If a majority of
18 the votes cast on said question is in the affirmative,
19 said section fifty-eight A of said chapter forty-eight
20 shall take effect in such city or town ninety days
21 thereafter.