

HOUSE No. 1733

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 13, 1947.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 583) of Albert Cole (mayor of Lynn) relative to the supervision of the police department of the city of Lynn, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1733).

For the committee,

ROBERT T. SISSON.

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

AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE SUPERVISION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF LYNN FROM THE MAYOR TO THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

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 20 of chapter 340 of the Special
2 Acts of 1917 is hereby amended by striking out para-
3 graph 18 and inserting in place thereof the following:—
4 18. The city council shall maintain a police depart-
5 ment to be under the supervision of the chief of police.
6 The mayor shall appoint the chief and all subordinate
7 ranking officers, patrolmen and reserve and special
8 officers, whereof the number and designation shall be
9 determined by ordinance.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for accept-
2 ance to the registered voters of said city at its biennial
3 municipal election in the current year in the form of
4 the following question, which shall be placed upon
5 the official ballot to be used at said election:— “Shall
6 an act passed by the general court in the year nine-
7 teen hundred and forty-seven, entitled ‘An Act trans-
8 ferring the supervision of the police department of
9 the city of Lynn from the mayor to the chief of police’,
10 be accepted?” If a majority of the votes cast on
11 said question is in the affirmative, this act shall
12 thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.