

HOUSE No. 2335

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 26, 1947.

The committees on Cities and Municipal Finance, sitting jointly, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending legislation to meet the present emergency in the city of Boston caused by the absence of the present incumbent of the office of mayor of said city (House, No. 2333), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2335).

For the committee,

JAMES A. BURKE.

Representatives JOHNSON of Brockton and WHITMORE of Newton, of the committee on Cities, and Representative McCarthy of East Bridgewater, of the committee on Municipal Finance, dissenting.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF SAID CITY DURING THE PRESENT EMERGENCY.

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. Notwithstanding any provision of
2 general law, of any special act relating to the city of
3 Boston or of any ordinance of said city, the city clerk
4 of said city in office on the effective date of this act
5 shall upon said effective date become temporary
6 mayor, under the designation of "temporary mayor",
7 and shall exclusively, during the period beginning
8 with said effective date and ending upon the return of
9 the present incumbent of the office of mayor to active
10 duties at the city hall of said city or, in case prior to
11 such return a vacancy occurs in said office of mayor,
12 until the qualification of the person first elected by
13 popular vote after said effective date to the office of
14 mayor of said city, possess all the rights and powers,
15 perform all the duties and be subject to all the obliga-
16 tions of mayor of said city and during said period shall
17 receive compensation at the rate now provided for the
18 mayor, but shall not receive any compensation as city
19 clerk. During said period he shall be deemed to be on

20 leave of absence from the office of city clerk, and the
21 duties of said office shall be performed by the assistant
22 city clerk. At the end of said period said city clerk
23 shall be entitled to return to and resume the duties of
24 the office of city clerk and thereafter he shall hold
25 said office during good behavior, subject only to re-
26 moval in the manner provided by the civil service
27 laws and rules.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

LAWRENCE R. GROVE,
Clerk.

SENATE, June 26, 1947.
Passed to be engrossed, in concurrence.

IRVING N. HAYDEN,
Clerk.

