

HOUSE No. 551

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of James J. Kelleher that members of the police department of the city of Boston be authorized to organize for certain purposes and for the right to petition the General Court and the city council of said city. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON MAY ORGANIZE FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES AND HAVE THE RIGHT OF PETITION TO THE GENERAL COURT AND TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF SAID CITY.

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 10 of chapter 291 of the acts of 1906, as
- 2 most recently amended by chapter 211 of the acts
- 3 of 1920, is hereby further amended by adding at the
- 4 end the following two paragraphs:—
- 5 No such rule or regulation made under authority of
- 6 this section shall forbid police officers from organizing
- 7 or belonging to any organization composed solely of
- 8 members of said police force and not affiliated with
- 9 any outside organization, and having among its ob-
- 10 jects the improvement of their conditions of employ-

11 ment, including leaves of absence, hours of labor and
12 compensation.

13 Any member of said force shall have the right to
14 petition the general court or the city council of the
15 city of Boston and to appear before any committee
16 thereof, provided that this paragraph shall not author-
17 ize any member to absent himself from duty without
18 permission.