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By Mr. Partridge of Watertown, petition of Clark B. Partridge for the control of the financial affairs of the city of Boston and the county of Suffolk by the finance commission of said city. Municipal Finance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTROL OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BY THE FINANCE COMMISSION OF THE 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 1. The finance commission of the city of  
2 Boston shall have supervision over the financial affairs  
3 of said city and the county of Suffolk, and no appro-  
4 priations shall be made, and no debt incurred, except  
5 with the approval or upon the recommendation or  
6 requisition of the commission, which approval, recom-  
7 mendation or requisition shall be in writing. No  
8 department of said city, including the school and  
9 police departments and the licensing board for said  
10 city, and no department of said county, shall expend  
11 any money or incur any liability except with the  
12 written approval of the commission; provided, that  
13 the commission may at any time and from time to time  
14 authorize in writing any department of said city or

15 said county to incur liabilities without such approval  
16 until further notice from the commission. The com-  
17 mission may make recommendations in writing to  
18 the city council, the school committee, and all other  
19 commissions, boards, committees, and officers having  
20 charge of matters affecting the administration of the  
21 city of Boston and the county of Suffolk.

22 For the purpose of enabling the commission to  
23 perform its duties hereunder, it shall have all the  
24 powers and duties enumerated in chapter five hundred  
25 and sixty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
26 eight and therein conferred upon the commission  
27 designated in said chapter. The commission shall,  
28 annually, make to the general court a comprehensive  
29 report of its work hereunder.

1 SECTION 2. The finance commission of the city,  
2 in addition to the powers and duties otherwise con-  
3 ferred or imposed upon it, is authorized to perform  
4 the further duties imposed by this act. Each member  
5 of the commission, when acting under this act, shall  
6 receive from the city compensation at the rate of  
7 twenty dollars per day; provided, that compensation  
8 received by the chairman of the commission here-  
9 under shall not be in addition to the salary paid to  
10 him by the city at present and that no member of the  
11 commission shall receive in any year hereunder more  
12 than two thousand dollars. The commission is au-  
13 thorized to employ such experts, counsel, and other  
14 assistants, and to incur such other expenses as it  
15 may deem necessary in exercising and performing its  
16 powers and duties hereunder, and the same shall be  
17 paid by the city upon requisition by the commission.  
18 A sum sufficient to cover the expenses to be incurred

19 by the commission hereunder shall be appropriated  
20 by the city.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall not be operative after  
2 December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-  
3 eight.

