

HOUSE No. 1289

By Mr. Mannering of Boston, petition of Paul V. McDonough and others for legislation relative to increasing the number of members of the County Personnel Board. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY PERSONNEL BOARD.

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. Chapter 35 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 48, as amended
3 by chapter 102 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 48.* There is hereby established a county
6 personnel board, in this and the eight following sec-
7 tions called the board, consisting of three county
8 commissioners, one to be elected by and from the
9 county commissioners of Berkshire, Franklin, Hamp-
10 den and Hampshire counties; one to be elected by
11 and from the county commissioners of Essex, Middle-
12 sex and Worcester counties; and one to be elected
13 by and from the county commissioners of Barnstable,
14 Bristol, Norfolk and Plymouth counties; provided,
15 that in the election of such member from the last-

16 named counties, the chairman of the county com-
17 missioners of each of the counties of Nantucket and
18 Dukes county shall be entitled to one vote; one
19 county clerk of court, one county sheriff, one county
20 treasurer, and one register of deeds, excepting from
21 the above board any official from Suffolk county.
22 The commissioner first elected from the county com-
23 missioners of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and
24 Hampshire counties shall serve for a term of one
25 year, the commissioner first elected from the county
26 commissioners of Essex, Middlesex and Worcester
27 counties shall serve for a term of two years, and the
28 commissioner first elected from the county com-
29 missioners of Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk and
30 Plymouth counties shall serve for a term of three
31 years. The members first elected as aforesaid shall
32 be elected not later than the first day of September,
33 nineteen hundred and thirty, and their several terms
34 shall run from said date. The county clerk shall be
35 elected by the county clerks of the commonwealth
36 in August, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, for a
37 period of three years. The county sheriff shall be
38 elected by the sheriffs of the commonwealth in August,
39 nineteen hundred and forty-nine, for a period of
40 three years. The county treasurer shall be elected
41 by the county treasurers of the commonwealth in
42 August, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, for a period
43 of three years, and the register of deeds shall be
44 elected by the registers of deeds of the commonwealth
45 in August, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, for a
46 period of three years. On or before August first of
47 the year in which the term of a member of the board
48 will expire, his successor shall be elected in the same
49 manner at a time and place to be designated by the

50 director of accounts, to serve for a term of three
51 years from the first day of the September following.
52 The retirement of any member of the board as a
53 county commissioner shall thereupon create a vacancy
54 in the board. All vacancies in the board shall be
55 filled in the same manner as the original election for
56 the unexpired term, and all commissioners elected
57 to said board shall serve until the qualification of
58 their respective successors. Each member of the
59 board shall receive as compensation the sum of ten
60 dollars for each day's attendance on board meetings,
61 in addition to his salary as county commissioner,
62 county clerk of court, county sheriff, county treasurer,
63 and register of deeds, and shall be reimbursed for
64 expenses actually incurred in the transaction of the
65 business of the board; provided, that the total
66 amount paid for compensation as aforesaid shall not
67 exceed one thousand dollars annually.

68 In case of the absence or disability of a member
69 of the board, the other members may designate an
70 acting member from among the group of county
71 officials represented by said member, and if a county
72 commissioner, from among the county commissioners
73 of the counties represented by such member, to serve
74 during his absence or disability, and such acting
75 member shall receive compensation at the same rate
76 as a member of the board.

77 No member of the board shall act on any matter
78 pertaining to his own salary or to the salary of the
79 particular board of officials of which he is a member.

1 SECTION 2. The effective date of this act shall be
2 September first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

