

HOUSE No. 1700

By Mr. Palmer of Somerville, petition of Harold A. Palmer for legislation relative to the appointment of temporary county commissioners. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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 12 of chapter 34 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended, is hereby further amended by
3 inserting after the word "resides" in line 3 the follow-
4 ing: — the governor, with the advice and consent of
5 the council, — so as to read: — In case of inability to
6 attend, or interest in a question before the commis-
7 sioners, or if any part of a highway relative to which
8 they are to act lies within the town where a commis-
9 sioner resides, the governor with the advice and con-
10 sent of the council, shall appoint one or more persons,
11 not residing in the same town as any commissioner,
12 nor in the same town with each other, if more than
13 one, to act as commissioners in place of those absent
14 or disqualified, until such absence or disqualification
15 ceases. The commissioners may, however, receive a

16 petition, issue an order of notice thereon, take a
17 recognizance, approve bills or payrolls, or perform
18 ministerial acts, whenever two members are compe-
19 tent to act. If they cannot otherwise organize, resi-
20 dence shall not disqualify.