

HOUSE No. 2556

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 31, 1949.

The committee on Civil Service, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 834) of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association relative to clarifying the procedure to be followed in temporary suspension of police officers, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1268) of Russell S. Codman, Jr., for legislation relative to the temporary suspension of civil service employees, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2556).

For the committee,

FRANK S. GILES, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES.

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. Section 43 of chapter 31 of the General
2 Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by
3 striking out the second sentence in paragraph (a) and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—
5 He shall not be discharged, removed, suspended for
6 a period exceeding five days, laid off, transferred
7 from such office or employment without his consent,
8 lowered in rank or compensation, nor shall his office
9 or position be abolished, except for just cause and for
10 reasons specifically given him in writing, together
11 with a copy of sections forty-three and forty-five of
12 this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Section 43 of chapter 31 of the General
2 Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by
3 striking out the first sentence in paragraph (e) and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—
5 A temporary suspension for a period not exceeding
6 five days may be made only by the appointing au-
7 thority or by a subordinate to whom such authority
8 has been delegated, or by a chief of police, or officer

9 performing similar duties, however entitled, or by a
10 subordinate to whom such authority has been dele-
11 gated by him, and may only be made pending a
12 hearing, which shall be held by the appointing au-
13 thority within five days, exclusive of Sundays and
14 holidays.

