

SENATE No. 4

To accompany the petition of Michael LoPresti for legislation to make certain changes in the laws relative to the school committee of the city of Boston. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT MAKING CHANGES IN THE LAWS RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

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 231 of the acts of 1906 is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 1, as amended
3 by section 1 of chapter 497 of the acts of 1946, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 1.* The school committee of the city of
6 Boston, in the year nineteen hundred and forty-eight,
7 and in each sixth year thereafter, shall elect a super-
8 intendent of schools, who shall hold office for the term
9 of six years from the first day of September in said
10 year. In each year beginning with the year nineteen
11 hundred and fifty, the school committee shall elect
12 one assistant superintendent, to serve for the term of
13 six years from the first day of September in the year
14 of his election. If a vacancy shall occur in the office
15 of superintendent, the school committee shall fill such

16 vacancy for the unexpired term, and if a vacancy shall
17 occur in the office of assistant superintendent, the
18 school committee may fill such vacancy for the un-
19 expired term. The school committee shall fix the
20 compensation of the superintendent and assistant
21 superintendents and may remove them, or any of
22 them, for cause.

23 The superintendent shall be the executive officer of
24 the school committee in all matters pertaining to the
25 powers and duties of the committee.

26 The superintendent of schools shall assign to each
27 assistant superintendent such duties as he may see
28 fit, except the review of eligibility lists prepared by
29 the board of examiners.

30 The superintendent and assistant superintendents
31 and the business manager shall constitute a board, to
32 be known as the board of superintendents. The
33 superintendent shall, when present, preside at the
34 meetings of said board. Said board shall have no
35 executive or administrative powers, but shall act as
36 an advisory board to the superintendent, and, when
37 directed by the superintendent, as a trial board for
38 employees of the school committee.

39 No member of the city council or of the school
40 committee shall hold the office of superintendent or
41 assistant superintendent, and no member of the city
42 council shall be a member of the school committee.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 318 of the acts of 1906 is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 1, as appear-
3 ing in section 2 of chapter 497 of the acts of 1946, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 1.* The school committee of the city of
6 Boston shall choose a secretary, not of their own

7 number, who shall also serve as secretary to the board
8 of superintendents, and a business manager, who shall
9 hold their respective offices until removed by the
10 committee for cause. Said committee may also
11 choose, and may for cause remove, an acting business
12 manager who shall serve only during the time that
13 the business manager is absent or otherwise unable to
14 act and shall during such time exercise all the powers
15 and perform all the duties of said business manager.
16 The committee may also elect and remove such other
17 subordinate officers not specifically provided for by
18 law as they may deem expedient. The business
19 manager shall in writing approve and transmit to
20 the auditor of said city all vouchers, pay rolls and
21 other documents calling for the expenditure of money,
22 together with summarized requisitions on said auditor,
23 approved by the committee or by any authorized
24 member thereof, and requesting said auditor to place
25 said vouchers, pay rolls and other documents on his
26 draft for payment by the treasurer of said city.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to
2 affect the terms of office of the superintendent of
3 schools, the assistant superintendents of schools and
4 the members of the board of superintendents of said
5 city of Boston in office on its effective date.

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