
By Mr. Thompson of Ludlow, petition of John F. Thompson that the city of Chicopee be authorized to appropriate money for the payment of certain unpaid bills. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHICOPEE TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

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 city of Chicopee is hereby au-
2 thorized to appropriate money for the payment of,
3 and after such appropriation the treasurer of said
4 city is hereby authorized to pay, such of the unpaid
5 bills incurred by said city and totalling four thousand
6 eight hundred and eighty-six dollars and sixty-nine
7 cents, as set forth in the list on file in the office of the
8 director of accounts in the department of corporations
9 and taxation, as are legally unenforceable against
10 said city, either by reason of their being incurred in
11 excess of available appropriations or by reason of the
12 failure of said city to comply with the provisions of
13 its charter, and as are certified for payment by the
14 head of the department wherein the bills were con-
15 tracted.

1 SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city
2 auditor of said city for payment or paid by the treas-
3 urer thereof under authority of this act unless and
4 until certificates have been signed and filed with said

5 city auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury
6 that the goods, materials or services for which bills
7 have been submitted were ordered by an official or an
8 employee of said city, and that such goods and materials
9 were delivered and actually received by said city or
10 that such services were rendered to said city, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a
2 certificate required by section two which is false and
3 who thereby receives payment for goods, materials
4 or services which were not received by or rendered
5 to said city shall be punished by imprisonment for
6 not more than one year or by a fine of not more than
7 three hundred dollars, or both.

1 SECTION 3A. This authorization shall apply only
2 to unpaid bills incurred in the year nineteen hundred
3 and fifty-three.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.