

HOUSE No. 2581

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 13, 1956.

The committee on Towns, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1491) of Richard A. Ruether for the establishment in towns of the office of executive secretary for boards of selectmen, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2581).

For the committee,

RICHARD A. RUETHER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE SELECTMEN IN TOWNS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 23 the following section:—
3 *Section 23A.* A town may by vote or by-law authorize
4 and empower the selectmen to appoint, or at their dis-
5 cretion remove, an executive secretary who may be ap-
6 pointed by them for a term of one or three years. An
7 executive secretary appointed under the provisions of
8 this section shall be sworn to the faithful performance of
9 his duties. During the time that he holds office he shall
10 hold no elective town office, but he may be appointed
11 by the selectmen or, with their approval, by any other
12 town officer, board, committee or commission, to any
13 other town office or position consistent with his office.
14 He shall receive such aggregate compensation, not ex-
15 ceeding the amount appropriated therefor, as the select-
16 men may determine. He shall act by and for the select-
17 men in any matter which they may assign to him relat-
18 ing to the administration of the affairs of the town or of
19 any town office or department under their supervision and
20 control, or, with the approval of the selectmen, may per-
21 form such other duties as may be requested of him by any
22 other town office, board, committee or commission.