

HOUSE No. 1308

By Mr. Goodwin of Melrose, petition of Albert M. Tibbetts, mayor, that the city of Melrose be authorized to compensate the members of its board of aldermen. Cities. May 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act authorizing the city of Melrose to compensate the
Members of its Board of Aldermen.

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 seventeen of chapter one hun-
2 dred and sixty-two of the Acts of eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-nine is hereby amended by striking out the last
4 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:
5 — The members thereof shall receive in full compensa-
6 tion for their services as members of the board of alder-
7 men, or of any committee thereof, such salary as may
8 be established by ordinance, but not exceeding three
9 hundred dollars per annum for each member, so as to
10 read as follows: — *Section 17.* The board of aldermen
11 shall determine the rules of its own proceedings and
12 shall be the judge of the election and qualifications of
13 its own members. In case of the absence of the presi-
14 dent the board of aldermen shall choose a president pro
15 tempore, and a plurality of votes cast shall be sufficient
16 for a choice. The board of aldermen shall, except when
17 taking action upon appointments or removals, sit with

18 open doors, whether in session as a board of aldermen
19 or as a committee of the whole, and shall cause a
20 journal of its proceedings to be open to public inspec-
21 tion. The vote of the board of aldermen upon any
22 question shall be taken by roll call when the same is
23 requested by at least five members. The board of
24 aldermen shall, so far as is consistent with this act,
25 have and exercise all the legislative powers of towns,
26 have all the powers and be subject to all the liabilities
27 of city councils and of either branch thereof, under the
28 general laws of the commonwealth; and shall have all
29 the powers granted to the town of Melrose or to any
30 board thereof by any special legislative act, and it may
31 by ordinance prescribe the manner in which such
32 powers shall be exercised. The members thereof shall
33 receive in full compensation for their services as mem-
34 bers of the board of aldermen, or of any committee
35 thereof, such salary as may be established by ordin-
36 ance, but not exceeding three hundred dollars per
37 annum for each member.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for accept-
2 ance to the voters of the city of Melrose at the annual
3 city election in the current year in the form of the fol-
4 lowing question which shall be placed upon the official
5 ballot to be used at said election: — “Shall an act
6 passed by the general court in the current year, entitled
7 ‘An Act authorizing the city of Melrose to compensate
8 the members of its board of aldermen’, be accepted?”
9 If a majority of the votes cast on said question are in
10 the affirmative, this act shall take effect on January
11 first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, otherwise it
12 shall have no effect.

