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By Mr. Brown of Billerica (by request), petition of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and the Massachusetts Forestry Association that cities and towns be authorized to establish permanent unemployment relief committees. Public Welfare.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Three.

An Act providing for Establishment of Permanent Unemployment Relief Committees in Cities and 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 SECTION 1. Any city or town which accepts the  
2 provisions of this act may establish a permanent un-  
3 employment relief committee as herein provided, and  
4 may through annual or special appropriations provide  
5 funds for relief of unemployed in the form of wages.

1 SECTION 2. Selectmen in towns which by vote at  
2 a regular town meeting or at a special meeting called  
3 for that purpose accept this act and the mayors in  
4 cities which accept this act by vote of the council, or  
5 by the council and aldermen, shall within thirty days  
6 thereafter appoint an unemployment relief committee  
7 consisting of three citizens who shall serve without  
8 pay for a term of three years or until their successors  
9 are appointed; except that when first appointed one

10 shall be appointed for a term of three years, one for  
11 two years and one for one year. Thereafter one mem-  
12 ber shall be appointed each year for a term of three  
13 years.

1 SECTION 3. It shall be the duty of said committee  
2 to recommend to the selectmen or to the mayor and  
3 the finance committee the amounts that should be  
4 appropriated annually for unemployment relief. The  
5 committee shall consult and shall cooperate with the  
6 mayor, selectmen, heads of departments, corporations,  
7 firms, individuals and civic, charitable, or fraternal  
8 organizations in the planning of work that can be  
9 made available for the unemployed during normal  
10 times as well as in periods of industrial depression.  
11 It shall keep records of all available projects or jobs  
12 including the qualifications required of the workers.  
13 It shall likewise keep records of the qualifications of  
14 all applicants for employment. The committee shall  
15 fix the wages to be paid for any type of employment  
16 without regard to the wage rate paid to regular town  
17 employees, or to private employees for similar work,  
18 provided that the labor is applied to projects that  
19 would not be done normally except for the relief of  
20 unemployment.

1 SECTION 4. The committee shall be allowed from  
2 the unemployment relief fund for clerical and other  
3 expenses such sums as the town or the mayor and  
4 council may determine.