

HOUSE No. 2

By Mr. Dolan of Boston, petition of William C. Dolan for legislation to provide for appointment by the mayor of the Police Commissioner for the City of Boston. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide for the Appointment by the Mayor of a Police Commissioner for 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 two hundred and ninety-one
2 of the acts of nineteen hundred and six is hereby
3 amended by striking out section seven and inserting
4 in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 7.* The mayor of the city of Boston, sub-
6 ject to its charter provisions, shall appoint a police
7 commissioner for the city of Boston, who shall be a
8 citizen of Boston and who shall have resided therein
9 for at least two years immediately preceding the date
10 of his appointment. Such police commissioner shall
11 not engage in any other business and shall be sworn
12 to the faithful performance of the duties of his office
13 before entering upon the same.

14 Said police commissioner shall be appointed for a
15 term of five years, beginning on the first Monday in

16 October, in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-
17 three, and shall hold his office until his successor is
18 appointed and qualified, and any vacancy occurring
19 shall be filled by the mayor, subject to the provisions
20 of the said charter, by an appointment for a term of
21 five years.

22 Said police commissioner may be removed by the
23 mayor for such cause as the mayor shall deem suf-
24 ficient. Such cause shall be stated in his order of
25 removal.

26 Said police commissioner shall appoint a secretary,
27 who shall be exempt from the civil service law, who
28 shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties
29 and who shall keep such records, issue notices and
30 attest such papers and orders as said police commis-
31 sioner shall direct. His term of office shall be five
32 years, but he may be removed by said police com-
33 missioner for such cause as said commissioner shall
34 deem sufficient. Such cause shall be stated in his
35 order of removal.

1 SECTION 2. Section eight of said chapter two
2 hundred and ninety-one, as amended in the first
3 paragraph by chapter three hundred and seven of the
4 Special Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen and
5 by section one of chapter eight of the acts of nine-
6 teen hundred and twenty, is hereby further amended
7 by striking out, in the fourth line of said paragraph,
8 the words "governor and council", and inserting in
9 place thereof the word:— mayor,— so that said
10 first paragraph will read as follows:— *Section 8.*
11 The annual salary of the police commissioner shall be
12 eight thousand dollars, and of the secretary an amount
13 which shall be fixed by the police commissioner with

14 the approval of the mayor, which shall be paid in
15 monthly instalments by the city of Boston. Subject
16 to the approval of the mayor, the police commissioner
17 shall be provided with such rooms, which shall be
18 suitably furnished, as shall be convenient and suit-
19 able for the performance of his duties, the expense of
20 which shall be paid by the city of Boston.

1 SECTION 3. The term of the present police com-
2 missioner of the city of Boston shall expire upon the
3 appointment and qualification of a police commis-
4 sioner under the provisions of section one of this act.

