

HOUSE No. 1195

By Mr. Barry of Boston, petition of Frederick W. Mansfield (mayor) that the Finance Commission of the City of Boston be abolished and providing other methods for the discharge of its duties. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act abolishing the Finance Commission of the City of Boston and making Certain Changes in the Charter of the City of Boston relative thereto.

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. Sections seventeen, eighteen, nine-
2 teen and twenty-one of chapter four hundred and
3 eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine,
4 and section twenty of said chapter four hundred and
5 eighty-six, as amended by chapter eighty-one of the
6 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one and by
7 chapter three hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of
8 nineteen hundred and twenty-four, are hereby re-
9 pealed.

1 SECTION 2. Section eight of said chapter four
2 hundred and eighty-six is hereby amended by striking
3 out the second paragraph thereof and inserting in
4 place thereof the following:—

5 It shall be unlawful for the mayor or for a member
6 of the city council or for any officer or employee of
7 the city or of the county of Suffolk directly or in-
8 directly to make a contract with the city or with the
9 county of Suffolk, or to receive any commission, dis-
10 count, bonus, gift, contribution or reward from or any
11 share in the profits of any person or corporation
12 making or performing such contract, unless such
13 mayor, member of the city council, officer, or em-
14 ployee immediately upon learning of the existence of
15 such contract or that such contract is proposed, shall
16 notify in writing the mayor and city council of such
17 contract and of the nature of his interest in such con-
18 tract and shall abstain from doing any official act on
19 behalf of the city in reference thereto. In case of such
20 interest on the part of an officer whose duty it is to
21 make such contract on behalf of the city the contract
22 may be made by any other officer of the city duly
23 authorized thereto by the mayor, or if the mayor has
24 such interest by the city clerk: *provided, however,*
25 *that when a contractor with the city or county is*
26 *a corporation or voluntary association, the owner-*
27 *ship of less than five per cent of the stock or shares*
28 *actually issued shall not be considered as being an*
29 *interest in the contract within the meaning of this*
30 *act, and such ownership shall not affect the validity*
31 *of the contract, unless the owner of such stock or*
32 *shares is also an officer or agent of the corporation*
33 *or association, or solicits or takes part in the making*
34 *of the contract.*

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.