

HOUSE No. 1062

By Mr. Scally of Boston (by request), petition of Thomas J. Hannon and others (committee on legislative matters of the city council) for legislation to provide for certain changes in the city charter of the city of Boston. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE CITY
CHARTER OF 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. Section three of chapter four hundred
2 and eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine,
3 as amended, is hereby further amended by striking
4 out said section three and inserting in place thereof
5 the following new section:—

6 *Section 3.* All appropriations, other than for
7 school purposes, to be met from taxes, revenue or
8 any source other than loans, shall originate with the
9 mayor, who, not later than the first Monday in Febru-
10 ary of each year, shall submit to the city council the
11 annual budget of the current expenses of the city and
12 county for the current fiscal year, and may submit
13 thereafter such supplementary appropriation orders
14 as he may deem necessary. The city council may

15 reduce, reject or increase any item and may increase
16 the total of a budget and may add any item thereto.
17 Not later than the first Monday in April the city
18 council shall take definite action on the annual budget,
19 and in the event of their failure so to do the items and
20 the appropriation orders in the budget as recommended
21 by the mayor shall be in effect as if formally adopted
22 by the city council and approved by the mayor. It
23 shall be the duty of the city and county officials, when
24 requested by the mayor, to submit forthwith in such
25 detail as he may require estimates for the next fiscal
26 year of the expenditures of the department or office
27 under their charge, which estimates shall be trans-
28 mitted to the city council.

1 SECTION 2. Section four of chapter four hundred
2 and eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and
3 nine, as amended, is hereby further amended by strik-
4 ing out said section four and inserting in place thereof
5 the following new section: —

6 *Section 4.* Every appropriation, ordinance, order,
7 resolution and vote of the city council, except votes
8 relating to its own internal affairs, shall be presented
9 to the mayor, who shall make or cause to be made a
10 written record of the time and place of presentation,
11 and it shall be in force if he approves the same within
12 fifteen days after it shall have been presented to him,
13 or if the same is not returned by him with his objec-
14 tions thereto in writing within said period of fifteen
15 days. If within said period said appropriation,
16 ordinance, order, resolution or vote is returned by
17 the mayor to the city council by filing the same with
18 the city clerk, with his objections thereto, the same
19 shall be void, provided, however, the same shall be

20 in force if within ten days after the same is returned by
21 the mayor the city council, by a vote of two-thirds
22 of all the members of the city council, shall adopt the
23 same the objections of the mayor thereto notwith-
24 standing. If the same involves the expenditure of
25 money, the mayor may approve some of the items
26 in whole or in part and disapprove other of the items
27 in whole or in part; and such items and parts of items as
28 he approves shall be in force, and such items and parts
29 of items as he disapproves shall be void, provided,
30 however, such items or parts of items shall be in force
31 if within ten days after the disapproval of the mayor
32 the city council, by a vote of two-thirds of all the
33 members of the city council, shall adopt such items
34 as are disapproved by the mayor the disapproval of
35 the mayor thereof notwithstanding.

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

