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Bill accompanying the petition of March G. Bennett for the consolidation of certain metropolitan boards into a metropolitan Boston commission. Joint Special Committee on Commissions. January 19.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

### AN ACT

To provide for the Consolidation of Certain Metropolitan Boards into a Metropolitan Boston Commission.

*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. The board of metropolitan park commis-  
2 sioners and the metropolitan water and sewerage board  
3 are hereby merged and consolidated into one board, which  
4 is hereby created, and which shall be known as the metro-  
5 politan Boston commission.

1 SECTION 2. Said commission shall be composed of  
2 three members who shall be appointed by the governor,  
3 with the advice and consent of the council, and one of  
4 whom shall be designated by the governor to act as  
5 chairman.

1 SECTION 3. The term of office of said commissioners  
2 shall be three years: *provided, however,* that the mem-

2 METROPOLITAN BOSTON COMMISSION. [Jan. 1916.

3 bers first appointed shall hold office for three years, two  
4 years and one year, respectively, as designated by the  
5 governor.

1 SECTION 4. The chairman of said commission shall  
2 receive a salary of five thousand dollars a year, and  
3 each of the other members shall receive a salary of four  
4 thousand five hundred dollars a year. Said salaries shall  
5 be paid by the commonwealth in the first instance, and  
6 shall be added to the annual assessment levied for main-  
7 tenance upon the cities and towns comprising the dis-  
8 tricts, in accordance with the laws governing such as-  
9 sessments.

1 SECTION 5. The governor shall have the power to  
2 remove any member of said commission, with the ad-  
3 vice and consent of the council, and to fill vacancies  
4 therein by appointing for the remainder of any unex-  
5 pired term in the same manner in which appointments  
6 are authorized for a full term.

1 SECTION 6. All the powers, rights, duties and liabili-  
2 ties of said metropolitan park commissioners and said  
3 metropolitan water and sewerage board, and of each of  
4 them, are hereby transferred to said metropolitan Boston  
5 commission, created by this act. No existing contracts,  
6 liabilities or suits shall be affected hereby, but the com-  
7 mission hereby created shall in all respects and for all  
8 purposes whatsoever be the lawful successor of the said  
9 metropolitan park commissioners and said metropolitan  
10 water and sewerage board and said Charles river basin  
11 commissioners.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon the first  
2 day of July of the current year.