

HOUSE No. 1466

Bill accompanying the petition of Robert C. Harlow and another relative to the fire department of the town of Plymouth. Towns. January 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Fire Department of the Town of Plymouth.

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 town of Plymouth is hereby au-
2 thorized to establish a fire department, to be under the
3 control and direction of one fire commissioner, who shall
4 be appointed by the selectmen for a term of three years.
5 He shall signify his acceptance in writing and shall
6 receive such salary as the town may determine. He shall
7 serve until his successor is appointed and may be removed
8 for cause by the selectmen at any time after a hearing.
9 The fire commissioner shall have the charge of extinguish-
10 ing fires in said town and the protection of life and
11 property in case of fire, and he shall purchase and keep
12 in repair all apparatus used by the fire department. He
13 shall have and exercise all the powers and discharge all

14 the duties conferred or imposed by statute upon boards
15 of engineers for towns, and he shall appoint a chief of
16 department and such other officers and firemen as he
17 may think necessary, and may remove the same at any
18 time. He shall have full and absolute authority in the
19 administration of the department, shall make all rules
20 and regulations for its control, shall report to the select-
21 men from time to time as they may require, and shall
22 annually report to the town the condition of the depart-
23 ment, with his recommendations thereon. In the ex-
24 penditure of money the fire commissioner shall be subject
25 to such limitations as the town may prescribe.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage
2 so far as to allow the town to vote upon the acceptance
3 of the same, but shall not take full effect until it has
4 been accepted by a majority of the voters of said town
5 present and voting thereon at a town meeting duly called
6 for the purpose.