

SENATE No. 533

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 25, 1917.

The committee on Social Welfare, to whom was recommit-
ted the Senate Bill to establish certain qualifications for
members of wage boards (Senate, No. 63, changed), report
that the same ought to pass, in a new draft herewith sub-
mitted (Senate, No. 533).

For the committee,

ERNEST E. HOBSON.

Messrs. CROWLEY and YOUNG, of the House, dissent.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

To establish Certain Qualifications for Members of
Wage Boards.

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 seven hundred and six of
2 the acts of the year nineteen hundred and twelve,
3 as amended in *section four* by section one of chap-
4 ter three hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of
5 the year nineteen hundred and fourteen, is
6 hereby further amended by striking out said
7 *section four*, and inserting in place thereof the
8 following:— *Section 4.* If after such investiga-
9 tion the commission is of the opinion that in the
10 occupation in question the wages paid to a sub-
11 stantial number of the female employees are
12 inadequate to supply the necessary cost of living
13 and to maintain the worker in health, the com-
14 mission shall establish a wage board consisting
15 of five representatives of employers in the in-
16 dustry in question, five persons representing the

17 female employees in said industry and three
18 disinterested and impartial persons appointed by
19 the commission to represent the public: and
20 *further provided*, that the representatives of em-
21 ployers and employees on said board shall have
22 been, for a period of not less than one year,
23 ending not more than six months prior to the
24 date of the establishment of such board, actual,
25 bona fide employers or employees in the industry
26 or occupation in question, and shall in no case be
27 a member of the bar. The commission shall give
28 notice to employers and employees in said occu-
29 pation by publication or otherwise of its deter-
30 mination to establish a wage board, and shall
31 request that said employers and employees,
32 respectively, nominate representatives for said
33 board by furnishing names to the commission.
34 The representatives of employers and employees
35 shall be selected by the commission from names
36 furnished by the employers and by the employees,
37 respectively: *provided*, that these names are
38 furnished within ten days after the request of
39 the commission. The commission shall designate
40 as chairman one of the representatives of the
41 public, and shall make rules and regulations
42 governing the selection of members and the
43 modes of procedure of the boards, and shall
44 exercise exclusive jurisdiction over all questions
45 arising with reference to the validity of the pro-
46 cedure and of the determinations of the boards.
47 The members of wage boards shall be com-
48 pensated at the same rate as jurors, and they

49 shall be allowed the necessary traveling and
50 clerical expenses incurred in the performance of
51 their duties, these payments to be made from the
52 appropriation for the expenses of the commission.

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