

By Mr. Thomson of Swampscott, petition of George B. Thomson for legislation to permit the use of facsimile signatures of city or town treasurers upon bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness issued by certain cities and towns. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Three.

AN ACT PERMITTING THE USE OF FACSIMILE SIGNATURES OF CITY OR TOWN TREASURERS UPON BONDS, NOTES AND CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED BY CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 16A, as inserted by section 1 of chapter 58 of
3 the acts of 1957, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 16A.* In any city having a city manager, the city
6 manager, and in any other city, the mayor, and in a town, the
7 majority of the board of selectmen, by a writing bearing the
8 written signature of the city manager or the mayor, or the ma-
9 jority of the board of selectmen, as the case may be, and filed
10 in the office of the treasurer of the city or town, which writing
11 shall be open to public inspection, may authorize said treasurer
12 to cause to be engraved or printed on any bond, note or certifi-
13 cate of indebtedness which said city or town is authorized to
14 issue, a facsimile of the signature of the city manager or the
15 mayor or treasurer, as the case may be; and such facsimile
16 signature so engraved or printed shall have the same validity
17 and effect as the written signature of the city manager or mayor
18 or treasurer, as the case may be. This section shall become
19 effective in the cities of Boston and Springfield on July first,
20 nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and in any other city or town
21 when accepted by a two-thirds vote as defined in section one of
22 this chapter.

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In the year 1852, the following Act of the Legislature was passed:

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT PASSED IN 1848, RELATIVE TO THE MANNER OF ASSESSING THE TAXES ON REAL ESTATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF ASSESSORS IN CERTAIN TOWNS.

Section 1. That in every town where the population is less than five thousand, the assessors of the taxes on real estate shall be appointed by the selectmen, and in every town where the population is five thousand or more, they shall be appointed by the town meeting. The selectmen or town meeting shall have the right to reject any person proposed, and to appoint another in his stead, provided that such person is a resident of the town, and is not under any disability which would prevent him from performing the duties of the office. The assessor shall be elected for the year ending on the first of January following, and shall hold office until the first of January next following. He shall be sworn to by the selectmen or town meeting, and shall take the oath of office in the presence of the selectmen or town meeting. The assessor shall be a resident of the town, and shall be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of his election. He shall be qualified to read and write the English language, and shall be a freeholder. He shall be sworn to by the selectmen or town meeting, and shall take the oath of office in the presence of the selectmen or town meeting. The assessor shall be a resident of the town, and shall be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of his election. He shall be qualified to read and write the English language, and shall be a freeholder. He shall be sworn to by the selectmen or town meeting, and shall take the oath of office in the presence of the selectmen or town meeting.