

By Mr. Clark of Easthampton, petition of Endicott Peabody, John G. Clark, and another for legislation to define further the functions and duties of the Personnel Appeals Board. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER TO DEFINE THE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE
PERSONNEL APPEALS BOARD.

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 55 of chapter 30 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 70 of chapter 801 of the
3 acts of 1963, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 last sentence thereof.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 30 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting a new section 56A after section 56 thereof:—

3 *Section 56A.* (1) The board shall make, and may from
4 time to time amend, rules for the conduct of its business under
5 sections forty-nine, fifty-three, fifty-four, fifty-five, and fifty-
6 six. Such rules, and amendments thereto, shall be open to
7 public inspection in the files of the board, and copies thereof
8 shall be made available to officers and employees of the com-
9 monwealth upon request.

10 (2) In the case of every grievance which shall come to it
11 for disposition, the board shall hear the officer or employee
12 having the grievance, the appointing authority concerned, and
13 the director of personnel; may require from any or all of the
14 same such written information as it may consider necessary
15 or desirable; may require the said director to make such in-
16 vestigation and written report to it as it may consider neces-
17 sary or desirable; may itself make any investigation which
18 it may consider necessary or desirable; and shall, as promptly
19 as feasible thereafter, render a written decision disposing of

20 the grievance. A copy of such decision shall be furnished to
21 the officer or employee having the grievance, the appointing
22 authority concerned, and the said director. Such decision, and
23 any information in writing required or received by the board
24 in connection therewith, shall be open to public inspection in
25 the files of the board.

1 SECTION 3. Section 57 of chapter 30 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence thereof
3 and substituting therefor the following sentence:— If such
4 decision shall require the payment of money to any employee
5 of the commonwealth, the board shall notify the appointing
6 authority, the director of personnel and standardization, the
7 budget director, and the comptroller of the amount or amounts
8 thereof, and the budget director shall, upon receipt of a duly
9 certified copy of such decision, make available, by transfer
10 from a reserve appropriated for such purpose, such funds as
11 shall be necessary to permit payment to be made in accordance
12 with the terms of such decision.

1 SECTION 4. There is hereby appropriated, for the purpose
2 of the reserve established under section fifty-seven of chapter
3 thirty of the General Laws, the sum of one hundred thousand
4 dollars.