

By Mr. Harold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1119) of Paul D. Harold for legislation to require prompt publication of annual city reports. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PROMPT PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL CITY REPORTS.

*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 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by add-  
2 ing after section 49 the following section: —

3 *Section 49A.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any city  
4 charter or ordinance to the contrary, the mayor of each city  
5 shall cause to be published annually within ninety days of the  
6 end of the previous fiscal year, at the expense of the city, an  
7 annual report for the use of the inhabitants thereof, contain-  
8 ing the report of the mayor, the report of the city council,  
9 the report of the school committee, a tabulation of amounts  
10 recommended in accordance with section 32 of Chapter 44  
11 and the amounts appropriated for the previous fiscal year,  
12 a listing of salaries for all elected city officials and all officials  
13 appointed for terms of years or serving at the pleasure of the  
14 mayor, such reports of other officials, boards or committees  
15 as consider it expedient to make a report or which are re-  
16 quired to do so by city ordinance or city charter, and such  
17 other information as the mayor considers it expedient to in-  
18 clude. Every third year, said report shall contain a listing of  
19 real estate property assessments for the previous year, set-  
20 ting forth the record owner, the address of the property, and  
21 the assessed value as contained in the records of the board of  
22 assessors.

23 The city clerk shall transmit a copy of the annual report to  
24 each public library or branch within the city and to the state  
25 library within sixty days of publication.

26 If the mayor neglects or refuses to make the annual report  
27 as required by this section, he shall forfeit fifty dollars.

