

By Mr. Reilly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1210) of Martin T. Reilly for legislation relative to budget procedures in cities. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BUDGET PROCEDURES IN CITIES.

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 33 of chapter 44 of the General Laws,
2 as amended by section 3 of chapter 473 of the acts of 1941,
3 is hereby further amended by adding the following para-
4 graph: —

5 In the case of the failure of the mayor to transmit to the
6 city council a written recommendation for an appropriation
7 sufficient in amount to pay the salaries contained in any bar-
8 gaining agreement between the city and any bargaining agent
9 certified as the exclusive representative of any public safety
10 employee group in the city, or as otherwise established by
11 ordinance or order of the city council, and for such other cost
12 items contained in any such agreement or provided for in any
13 ordinance or order of the city council, and covering the num-
14 ber of positions in any public safety group, either police or
15 fire or police and fire, as authorized by any ordinance enacted
16 by the city council, whether prior to or subsequent to the ef-
17 fective date hereof, after having been so requested by vote
18 of the council, said council, after the expiration of seven cal-
19 endar days from the taking of such vote to so request of the
20 mayor, upon its own initiative, may make such further appro-
21 priation into the personal services account of the police de-
22 partment, the fire department, or both of them as the case
23 may be, in an amount or amounts which said council, by vote
24 of at least two-thirds of its members, shall deem appropriate
25 for the purpose of funding, salaries and other cost items of as

26 many such positions, not in excess of the number established
27 by ordinance or order in effect prior to the submission of the
28 mayor's budget recommendations, as said council shall deem
29 necessary to be funded and occupied in the fiscal year being
30 considered. Thereupon, said city and said mayor, and any
31 appointing authority for such positions, shall be obligated to
32 take all necessary and appropriate steps to see to it that all
33 such funded positions are occupied for said fiscal year. The
34 provisions hereof shall not be subject to the veto power of any
35 mayor under any form of city government provided for in
36 chapter forty-three of the General Laws or under the charter
37 of any city of the commonwealth not having adopted one of
38 the forms of city government provided for in said chapter.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January first, nine-
2 teen hundred and eighty-four.