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Bill accompanying the petition of Frank H. Cowin for a reorganization of the building department of the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. January 16.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

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### AN ACT

To reorganize the Public Buildings Department and the Building Department in the City of Boston.

*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. The public buildings department and the  
2 building department of the city of Boston are hereby  
3 organized into one department to be known as the build-  
4 ing department. At the head of the department shall  
5 be a building commissioner to be appointed by the mayor  
6 with the approval of the civil service commissioners for a  
7 term of four years at an annual salary of at least seven  
8 thousand five hundred dollars. The said department  
9 shall be divided into three divisions, and at the head of  
10 each division but subordinate to the building commis-  
11 sioner shall be an engineer or architect who shall be  
12 supervisor of that division.

13 The first division shall include the plan and construc-  
14 tion force, and the supervisor at the head of this division  
15 shall be an engineer or architect who has had at least  
16 five years' experience as a practicing engineer or architect.  
17 This division shall include five or more engineers or archi-  
18 tects, one clerk and thirteen or more building inspectors.

19 The second division shall be known as the egress and  
20 elevator division, and the supervisor in charge shall be an  
21 engineer or architect of at least five years' practical ex-  
22 perience, and he shall have under him eighteen or more  
23 inspectors.

24 The third division shall be known as the plumbing,  
25 sprinkling and gas fitting division, and the supervisor at  
26 the head shall be a sanitary engineer with at least five  
27 years' practical experience. He shall have under him  
28 nineteen or more inspectors.

29 The salaries of the supervisors at the head of each  
30 division shall be left to the discretion of the mayor and  
31 building commissioner, also the salaries of the inspectors,  
32 chief clerk, assistant chief clerk, cashier, assistant cashier,  
33 clerks, constables, telephone operator, stenographer,  
34 chauffeur and laborer.

1 SECTION 2. Concrete, steel and piling inspectors shall  
2 be appointed by the commissioner, certified by the civil  
3 service commissioners and paid by the contractor, archi-  
4 tect or owner of any building to which they may be as-  
5 signed by the commissioner or his supervisor at a rate of  
6 wages to be left at the discretion of the commissioner.

1 SECTION 3. The building commissioner shall assign  
2 one or more inspectors to act as custodian and inspector  
3 of all public buildings.

1 SECTION 4. The building commissioner shall have full  
2 authority to sign all contracts now vested in the superin-  
3 tendent of public buildings and shall also have full control  
4 of all public buildings with the exception of police sta-  
5 tions.

1 SECTION 5. The building department shall be exempt  
2 from civil service regulations for a period of nine months,  
3 thereby enabling the commissioner, with the approval of  
4 the mayor, during that period thoroughly to organize  
5 his department, and after the said date the department  
6 shall be under all civil service rules and regulations.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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