

HOUSE No. 1593

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 28, 1921.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1530) of Edward G. Daly for the establishment of a schoolhouse building commission for the city of Medford, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

RICHARD D. CROCKWELL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-One.

AN ACT

Establishing a Schoolhouse Building Commission in the City
of Medford.

*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. There is hereby established in the city of
2 Medford an unpaid schoolhouse building commission to
3 consist of five citizens, qualified voters of the city, who
4 shall be elected by a two thirds vote of the board of
5 aldermen at a meeting to be called for the purpose by
6 the president of said board or by a majority of the whole
7 membership thereof. Three members of said commission
8 shall be elected to serve for the term of three years and
9 two for the term of two years from the date of their
10 election and thereafter as the terms of any member ex-
11 pires his successor shall be elected for the term of three
12 years. The building commissioner and the mayor of said
13 city shall also be members, ex officio, of the said commis-
14 sion, but shall not have the right to vote. The members
15 of the said commission shall have no financial interest,
16 directly or indirectly, in the construction or alteration of
17 any school building or in any contract relating thereto.
18 Any member of the said commission may be removed at
19 any time by a two thirds vote of the entire membership

20 of the board of aldermen at a meeting called for the pur-
21 pose by the president of said board or by a majority of
22 the whole membership thereof. Vacancies in the com-
23 mission shall be filled within thirty days after their occur-
24 rence in the manner provided for an original election.

1 SECTION 2. The commission is hereby authorized in
2 the name and behalf of the city to select and purchase
3 land for school purposes, to determine and approve the
4 plans of all school buildings hereafter to be erected, to
5 order, plan and supervise the erection of all school build-
6 ings and all additions and alterations on school buildings,
7 and to have exclusive authority to execute all contracts
8 pertaining to the same.

1 SECTION 3. The commission shall cause no liability
2 to be incurred and no expenditure to be made for any
3 purposes beyond the specific appropriation which may be
4 made therefor by the board of aldermen.

1 SECTION 4. The commission shall, whenever so re-
2 quested by the board of aldermen, make a report in
3 writing of the condition and progress of the work under
4 its charge, and shall furnish a detailed statement of re-
5 ceipts and expenditures in relation thereto.

1 SECTION 5. The commission shall choose a chairman
2 and a secretary, shall keep a record of its proceedings and
3 may act at any meeting, seven days' notice of which has
4 been received by all members or at a meeting where all
5 members are present. The affirmative vote of three
6 members of the commission shall be required for the
7 validity of any action taken by it. Meetings may be
8 called by the chairman or by a majority of the members.

1 SECTION 6. All special acts and parts thereof relating
2 to the city of Medford inconsistent herewith are hereby
3 repealed.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall be submitted to the voters
2 of said city for their acceptance at the next city election
3 in the current year on the official ballot in the form of the
4 following question: "Shall an act passed by the general
5 court in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-one
6 entitled 'An Act establishing a schoolhouse building
7 commission for the city of Medford' be accepted?". If
8 a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in the
9 affirmative in answer to said question, then this act shall
10 take effect in said city, but not otherwise.