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Accompanying the fifth recommendation of the Finance Commission for the City of Boston (see House, No. 52). Municipal Finance. January 4.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT

Relative to Approval by the Finance Commission of Transfers in Appropriation Orders of 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. Section three of chapter four hundred and  
2 eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and nine is  
3 hereby amended by adding in the second paragraph of  
4 said section in the second line, after the words "the  
5 mayor", the words:—and the finance commission,—  
6 and by adding in the fifth line, after the word "and", the  
7 words:— at any time with the approval of the mayor and  
8 city council,— and by adding in the eighth line, after the  
9 word "mayor", the words:—and the finance commis-  
10 sion,— and by striking out in the twelfth line the word  
11 "such", and inserting in place thereof the word:—  
12 the,— and by adding in the thirteenth line, after the

13 word "approval", the words:— of the mayor and the  
14 finance commission, — and by inserting in the thirteenth  
15 line, after the word "the", the word: — estimated, — so  
16 as to read as follows:— *Section 3.* All appropriations  
17 other than for school purposes, to be met from taxes,  
18 revenue, or any source other than loans, shall originate  
19 with the mayor, who within thirty days after the begin-  
20 ning of the fiscal year shall submit to the city council the  
21 annual budget of the current expenses of the city and  
22 county, and may submit thereafter supplementary budgets  
23 until such time as the tax rate for the year shall have  
24 been fixed. The city council may reduce or reject any  
25 item, but without the approval of the mayor shall not  
26 increase any item in, nor the total of, a budget, nor add  
27 any item thereto, nor shall it originate a budget. It shall  
28 be the duty of the city and county officials, when re-  
29-quested by the mayor, to submit forthwith, in such detail  
30 as he may require, estimates for the next fiscal year of the  
31 expenditures of the department or office under their  
32 charge, which estimates shall be transmitted to the city  
33 council.

34 The city auditor may, with the approval in each in-  
35 stance of the mayor and the finance commission, at any  
36 time make transfers from the appropriation for current  
37 expenses of one division of a department to the appro-  
38 priation for current expenses of any other division of the  
39 same department and at any time, with the approval of  
40 the mayor and city council, from the reserve fund to any  
41 appropriation for the current expenses of a department;  
42 and may also, with the approval of the mayor and the  
43 finance commission, at any time between December first  
44 and February first, make transfers from any appropria-  
45 tion to any other appropriation: *provided, however,* that  
46 no money raised by loan shall be transferred to any

47 appropriation from income or taxes. He may also, with  
48 the approval of the mayor and finance commission, apply  
49 any of the estimated income and taxes not disposed of in  
50 closing the accounts for the financial year in such manner  
51 as he may determine.

1 SECTION 2. Section one of chapter two hundred and  
2 sixty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-  
3 three is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

