

HOUSE No. 1510

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 20, 1926.

The committees on Rules, together with the presiding officers of the two branches, acting concurrently, who are authorized, by the provisions of the last paragraph of Joint Rule 1, to suggest such measures as shall in their judgment tend to facilitate the business of the session, — report recommending that Joint Rules 7A, 7B and 7C be amended so as to read as follows: —

“7A. A petition for legislation to authorize a county, city or town to reinstate in its service a person formerly employed by it, shall be referred to the next annual session, unless it be the petition or be approved by vote of the county commissioners of a county, the mayor and city council or similar body of a city, or the selectmen of a town, and having endorsed thereon or being accompanied by a statement under oath that the person seeking reinstatement has petitioned the local court for a review in cases where the same is provided by law.”

“7B. A petition for legislation to authorize a county, city or town to retire or pension or grant an annuity to any person, or to increase any retirement allowance, pension or annuity, or to pay any sum of money in the nature of a pension or retirement allowance, or to pay any salary which would have accrued to a deceased official or employee but for his death, or to pay any claim for damages or otherwise, or to borrow money outside of the debt limit, shall be referred to the next annual session, unless it be the petition or be approved by vote of the county commissioners

of a county, the mayor and city council or similar body of a city, or the selectmen of a town.”

“7C. A petition for the incorporation of a town as a city, or for a representative form of town government, shall be referred to the next annual session, unless there is annexed thereto an affidavit of the town clerk and a majority of the selectmen that the provisions of Article II of the Amendments of the Constitution and any amendment of said Article have been complied with, accompanied by a certified copy of the vote of the town giving its consent in the manner provided in said Article and any amendment thereof.”

Also that Joint Rule No. 9 be amended as follows:—

By striking out the first paragraph of said rule, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

“A petition for the incorporation of a city or town, for the annexation of one municipality to another, for the consolidation of two or more municipalities or for the division of an existing municipality, or for the incorporation or revival of a railroad, street railway, elevated railroad, canal, telephone, telegraph, water, gas, electric light, power or other public service corporation, for the amendment, alteration or extension of the charter or corporate powers or privileges, or for the change of name, of any such company, whether specially incorporated or organized under general laws, or for authority to take water for a water supply, or relative to building structures over navigable or tide waters, shall be referred to the next annual session, and not to a committee, unless the petitioner has given the notice and followed the procedure required by section 5 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 107 of the acts of 1926.”; and

By striking out the third paragraph of said rule, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

“A petition for the establishment or revival, or for the amendment, alteration or extension of the charter or corporate powers or privileges, or for the change of name, of any corporation, except a petition subject to the provisions

of the preceding two paragraphs, shall be referred to the next annual session, and not to a committee, unless the petitioner has conformed with the requirements of section 7 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as amended by section 2 of chapter 107 of the acts of 1926."

For the committee,

SLATER WASHBURN.

