

HOUSE No. 1162

By Mr. Coyne of Boston, petition of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., that public employees be granted a five day week during the present unemployment emergency. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act providing a Five-day Week for State Employees during the Present Unemployment Emergency.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, it is therefore declared to
3 be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate
4 preservation of the public convenience.

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. In order that available work may be
2 divided among as many employees as is practicable
3 and consistent with state budget limitations and with
4 proper living standards, the five-day week shall be
5 adopted in state employment, and in the employment
6 of persons to render service or labor, directly by con-
7 tract, in carrying on work of the state. This five-day
8 week shall be in effect during the economic emergency
9 existing when this act takes effect, but thereafter,
10 state employment shall as far as possible be conducted

11 in the manner provided prior to the date this act
12 takes effect.

1 SECTION 2. During this said emergency, it shall be
2 the duty of each department head, so far as is prac-
3 ticable, so to arrange and assign the work of his
4 department that the employees therein shall work
5 not more than five days in any calendar week.

1 SECTION 3. For the purpose of this act the present
2 economic emergency shall be deemed to now exist
3 and to continue until:

4 A. The governor, at any time prior to July first,
5 nineteen hundred and thirty-six, after such inquiry
6 as to him seems proper, determines that the economic
7 situation of the state is such that the said economic
8 emergency is over and shall have stated by proclama-
9 tion that the economic situation is over. Beginning
10 with the first day of the calendar month next ensuing
11 after the issue of such proclamation, said employment
12 shall again be conducted, as to days of labor, as nearly
13 as practicable in the same manner provided prior to
14 the date this act takes effect.

15 B. July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-six,
16 when said emergency shall be deemed to terminate
17 if the governor does not issue such proclamation prior
18 to that time. On and after that day said employ-
19 ment shall be conducted, as to days of labor, as
20 nearly as practicable in the same manner provided
21 prior to the date this act takes effect.