

HOUSE No. 1744

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 16, 1938.

The committee on Municipal Finance, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 273) of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Associations Inc., by John H. Mahoney, that the expenditures by municipal officers during the interval between December thirty-first in each year and the time of making the next annual appropriation be further regulated, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1744).

For the committee,

EDWARD D. SIROIS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE EXPENDITURES BY CITY OFFICERS DURING THE INTERVAL BETWEEN DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST IN EACH YEAR AND THE TIME OF MAKING THE NEXT ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter forty-four of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section thirty-four, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 34.* In the period after the expiration of
6 any fiscal year and before the regular appropriations
7 have been made by the city council, the city officers
8 who are authorized to make expenditures may incur
9 liabilities in carrying on the work of the several depart-
10 ments intrusted to them, and payments therefor shall
11 be made from the treasury from any available funds
12 therein, and charged against the next annual appro-
13 priation; provided, that the liabilities incurred during
14 such interval for regular employees do not exceed in
15 any one month the average monthly expenditures of
16 the last three months of the preceding year, and that
17 the total liabilities incurred during said interval do not
18 exceed in any one month the sums spent for similar
19 purposes during any one month of the preceding year;

20 and provided, further, that said officers who are
21 authorized to make expenditures may expend in any
22 one month for any new officer or board lawfully created
23 an amount not exceeding one twelfth of the estimated
24 cost for the current year. All interest and debt falling
25 due in said interval shall be paid.

