
By Mr. White of Walpole, petition of Howard Haines Murphy for legislation to establish the salaries for members of the Board of Agriculture. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

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 of chapter 20 of the General Laws, inserted by
2 section 1 of chapter 674 of the acts of 1954, is hereby amended
3 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 1.* There shall be a department of agriculture under
6 the supervision and control of a board of agriculture, hereinafter
7 called the board, consisting of seven members, each of whom
8 shall be from a different county, to be appointed by the gover-
9 nor, with the advice and consent of the council. At least four
10 members of the board shall be farmers whose principal vocation
11 is the production of food or fibre. Upon the expiration of the
12 term of office of a member of the board his successor shall be
13 appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the
14 council, for seven years, but no member who has served for five
15 years or longer shall be eligible for reappointment. Each mem-
16 ber of the board shall receive an annual salary of three thousand
17 nine hundred dollars. The board shall meet on the first and
18 third Monday of each month and on any other day at the
19 pleasure of the board, on the call of the chairman or any three
20 members. The chairman shall be chosen by a majority of the
21 members of the board present and voting thereon at the first
22 meeting in each calendar year, and shall serve until his successor
23 is chosen. The governor, with the advice and consent of the
24 council, shall appoint a commissioner from a panel of not less
25 than three names submitted by the board. Said commissioner

26 shall serve for a term of four years and shall have charge of the
27 administration of the department. The department may expend
28 for the traveling expenses of its employees, but not of members
29 of the board, incurred in the performance of their official duties
30 and for other necessary expenses of the department, such sums
31 as may be annually appropriated therefor.