

HOUSE . . . . . No. 85.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of W. H. I Hayes for legislation to revise the charter of the city of Lowell. Cities. January 13.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

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AN ACT

To abolish the Board of Overseers of the Poor and to establish a Board of Public Charities in the City of Lowell.

*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. The board of overseers of the poor in the  
2 city of Lowell is hereby abolished, and all its powers,  
3 rights, duties and liabilities are hereby transferred to the  
4 board of public charities in the said city, which is hereby  
5 created. No existing contracts, liabilities or suits shall  
6 be affected hereby, but the board hereby created shall be  
7 in all respects the successor of said board of overseers.

1 SECTION 2. The said board of public charities shall  
2 consist of three men and two women, to be appointed by

3 the mayor, and to hold office until their successors are  
4 appointed. The mayor shall designate a member as  
5 chairman; and he may remove any member at any time.  
6 The members of the board shall receive no compensation,  
7 but their necessary travelling expenses shall be paid by  
8 the city treasurer, if approved by the mayor.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the city  
2 council of the city of Lowell, and shall take effect thirty  
3 days after its acceptance by both branches of the city  
4 council.