

HOUSE No. 618.

Bill accompanying the petition of Charles B. D. Fisk for legislation relative to protecting and pensioning employees in the public service. Public Service. January 24

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to Employment in the Public Service.

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. Section one of chapter three hundred
2 and fourteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
3 and four is hereby amended so as to read as follows:—
4 *Section 1.* Every person holding office or employ-
5 ment under an appointment for a term of years or at the
6 pleasure of the appointing power or otherwise in the
7 public service of the Commonwealth, or in any county,
8 city or town thereof, classified under the civil service
9 rules of the Commonwealth, or a veteran of the civil
10 war, shall hold such office or employment, and shall not
11 be removed therefrom or lowered in rank or compensa-

12 tion or suspended or, without his consent, transferred
13 from such office or employment to any other, or his
14 office or employment done away with except by the
15 civil service commissioners for just cause and for rea-
16 sons specifically given in writing.

1 SECTION 2. A new section is inserted at the end of
2 said chapter, to be section three, as follows:—

3 *Section 3.* Any veteran of the civil war who shall
4 have arrived at the age of sixty years, and shall have
5 served in the public service of the Commonwealth, or
6 of a county, city or town thereof for fifteen or more
7 consecutive years, may, in the case of an employee of
8 the Commonwealth, by a two-thirds vote of the govern-
9 or's council, or in the case of an employee of a county,
10 by a two-thirds vote of the county commissioners, or in
11 the case of an employee of a city, by a two-thirds vote
12 of each branch of the city council, or in the case of an
13 employee of a town, by a two-thirds vote of the select-
14 men, be placed upon a pension roll to receive an annual
15 compensation not exceeding, as determined in such vote,
16 two-thirds of the annual compensation he received when
17 last holding such office or employment, or if the person
18 is not a veteran, but shall have served for twenty years
19 or more, and shall have arrived at the age of sixty years,
20 he may be so placed on the pension roll.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.