

SENATE No. 442

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 21, 1916.

The committee on Cities, to which were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1187) of James Morrison for the establishment of the office of city purchasing agent in the city of Medford; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1484) of the mayor of the city of Worcester and another relative to a purchasing agent for said city, reports the accompanying bill (new draft).

For the committee,

FRANK BARTLETT.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

To provide for Purchasing Departments in Cities.

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. Any city may, upon the acceptance
2 of this act as hereinafter provided, establish a
3 purchasing department to consist of a purchasing
4 agent, and such assistants and with such salaries
5 as the city council, with the approval of the mayor,
6 may from time to time determine. The agent
7 and assistants shall be appointed by the mayor,
8 with the approval of the board of aldermen, for
9 such terms of office as may be prescribed by ordi-
10 nance. The purchasing agent shall purchase all
11 supplies for the city, or for any department thereof
12 except in case of emergency; but all purchases or
13 contracts for purchase exceeding twenty-five dol-
14 lars in amount shall be based upon competition.
15 A record shall be kept by the department of the
16 prices paid for all supplies, which shall be open to
17 the inspection of any citizen.

1 SECTION 2. The city council, with the ap-
2 proval of the mayor, may vote to submit to
3 the qualified voters of said city at any annual
4 city election the question of accepting the provi-
5 sions of this act, in the form of the following
6 question to be placed upon the official ballot: —
7 “Shall an act passed by the general
8 court in the year nineteen hundred
9 and sixteen authorizing the estab-
10 lishment of purchasing departments in cities be
11 accepted? And if a majority of the voters voting
12 thereon in any city shall vote in the affirmative
13 this act shall take full effect therein.

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