

HOUSE No. 1451

By Mr. Nee of Boston (by request), petition of Melvin H. King for legislation to transfer the department of school buildings of the city of Boston to the school committee of said city. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

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 commissioners of school buildings
2 of the city of Boston, established by chapter three hundred and
3 fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine is
4 hereby abolished.

1 SECTION 2. The department of school buildings of the city of
2 Boston, established by chapter three hundred and fifty-one of
3 the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine is hereby trans-
4 ferred to the school committee. It shall be under the charge of
5 a superintendent of construction who shall be elected by the
6 school committee and shall serve at the pleasure of said com-
7 mittee. His salary shall be established by the school committee
8 annually or oftener as the mayor or the school committee may
9 require and in such manner and detail as may be required. He
10 shall exercise all of the powers provided by chapter three hun-
11 dred and fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-
12 nine.

1 SECTION 3. The said superintendent of construction shall
2 appoint, with the approval of the school committee, one or more
3 deputy superintendents, one of whom shall have assigned to
4 him the charge of repairs and alterations of all school buildings
5 of said city, subject to the direction of the superintendent of

6 construction. The deputy superintendents shall be paid such
7 salaries as may be fixed by the school committee.

1 SECTION 4. Transfer of the department of school buildings to
2 the school committee shall not affect the employment status,
3 retirement or pension rights of any employee of said department.

1 SECTION 5. The school committee of the city of Boston shall
2 submit all proposed budgets and appropriation orders for the
3 construction and furnishing of new school buildings both tem-
4 porary and permanent, including the taking of land therefor,
5 and for school yards and the preparing of school yards for use,
6 and for the rent of hired school accommodations, and for the
7 alteration and repair of school buildings, and for furniture, fix-
8 tures and means of escape in case of fire, and for fire protection
9 for existing buildings, and for improving existing school yards,
10 to the superintendent of construction who shall make written
11 report thereon to the school committee after such examination
12 and investigation as he may desire to make, and no appropria-
13 tion of money for any of the above-named purposes shall be made
14 by the school committee until such report shall have been made
15 to the school committee by said superintendent of construction.
16 All such reports of the superintendent of construction shall be
17 incorporated in full in the minutes of the school committee meet-
18 ing, next following the receipt thereof.

1 SECTION 6. The superintendent of construction shall not erect
2 or substantially alter any building or provide temporary school
3 accommodations, or furnish school buildings, or prepare school
4 yards until the superintendent of public schools of said city
5 shall have submitted in writing to said superintendent of con-
6 struction a requisition or order adequately describing the build-
7 ing to be altered or erected or the need to be supplied; nor shall
8 said superintendent of construction substantially alter or erect
9 any building requiring plans and specifications until such plans
10 and specifications have received, in writing, the approval of the
11 superintendent of public schools; nor shall said superintendent
12 of construction request the street commissioners to take in the
13 land, except within the limits of a school district which shall
14 first be designated by the school committee, nor until the super-

15 intendent of public schools shall approve in writing the par-
16 ticular parcel of land to be taken. The school committee may
17 authorize payment of money for lands taken, without the ap-
18 proval of the mayor.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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