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By Mr. Quinn of Boston, petition of Robert H. Quinn for legislation to make the terms of certain department heads and others coterminous with that of the Governor. State Administration.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT MAKING THE TERMS OF CERTAIN DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OTHERS COTERMINOUS WITH THAT OF THE GOVERNOR.

*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 first sentence of section 22 of chapter 6 of  
2 the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of  
3 chapter 801 of the acts of 1963, is hereby further amended by  
4 striking out, in line 3, the words "with the advice and consent  
5 of the council, for five" and inserting in place thereof the  
6 words:—for a term beginning on the second Monday in  
7 January of the year following the election of the governor  
8 and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

1 SECTION 2. Section 75 of said chapter 6 is hereby amended  
2 by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in section 2 of  
3 chapter 602 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following sentence:—The commissioner of rehabilitation  
5 shall be appointed by the governor for a term beginning on  
6 the second Monday in January of the year following the  
7 election of the governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the  
8 governor.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 13 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 8, as most recently amended  
3 by section 15 of chapter 801 of the acts of 1963, and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 8.* The division of registration shall be under the  
6 supervision of a director, to be known as the director of  
7 registration, who shall be appointed by the governor to serve  
8 for a term beginning on the second Monday in January of the  
9 year following the election of the governor, and shall serve at  
10 the pleasure of the governor and who shall receive a salary not  
11 exceeding eight thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 4. Section 9 of chapter 16 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 821 of the acts  
3 of 1963, is hereby further amended by striking out the second  
4 and third sentences and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following sentences:—The governor shall appoint an officer,  
6 to be known as the registrar of motor vehicles, who shall be  
7 the executive and administrative head of the division. He  
8 shall serve at the pleasure of the governor for a term  
9 beginning on the second Monday in January of the year  
10 following the election of the governor and shall receive a  
11 salary not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 5. Section 2 of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 37 of chapter 801 of the  
3 acts of 1963, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
4 second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following  
5 sentence:—Upon the expiration of the term of office of a  
6 commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the gover-  
7 nor for a term beginning on the second Monday in January of  
8 the year following the election of the governor, and shall  
9 serve at the pleasure of the governor.

1 SECTION 6. Section 2 of chapter 18 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 39 of said chapter 801, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—Upon the  
5 expiration of his term of office, his successor shall be  
6 appointed by the governor for a term beginning on the second  
7 Monday in January of the year following the election of the  
8 governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

1 SECTION 7. Section 2 of chapter 19 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 712 of the acts  
3 of 1964, is hereby further amended by striking out the first  
4 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-  
5 tence:—Upon the expiration of the term of office of the  
6 commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the gover-  
7 nor, for a term beginning on the second Monday in January  
8 of the year following the election of the governor and shall  
9 serve at the pleasure of the governor. The commissioner shall  
10 receive a salary not exceeding twenty-three thousand dollars  
11 and shall devote his full time during business hours to the  
12 duties of his office and shall be permitted such professional  
13 affiliations as he desires.

1 SECTION 8. Chapter 22 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 2, as most recently amended  
3 by section 46 of chapter 801 of the acts of 1963, and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 2.* Upon the expiration of the term of office of a  
6 commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the gover-  
7 nor to serve for a term beginning on the second Monday in  
8 January of the year following the election of the governor  
9 and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. He shall  
10 receive a salary not exceeding sixteen thousand dollars, and  
11 shall devote his full time during business hours to the duties  
12 of his office.

1 SECTION 9. Section 2 of chapter 23 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 53 of said chapter 801, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:—The  
5 commissioner shall be appointed by the governor for a term  
6 beginning on the second Monday in January of the year  
7 following the election of the governor and shall serve at the  
8 pleasure of the governor. Upon the expiration of the term of  
9 office of an assistant commissioner or an associate commis-  
10 sioner, his successor shall be appointed for four years by the  
11 governor.

1 SECTION 10. Section 2 of chapter 26 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 63 of said chapter 801, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first two sen-  
4 tences and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:  
5 —The commissioner shall be appointed by the governor to  
6 serve for a term beginning on the second Monday in January  
7 of the year following the election of the governor and shall  
8 serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall receive a  
9 salary not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars, and shall  
10 devote his full time during business hours to the duties of his  
11 office.

1 SECTION 11. Said chapter 26 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 6, as most recently amended by section 65  
3 of said chapter 801, and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
4 ing section:—

5 *Section 6.* Upon the expiration of the term of office of a  
6 commissioner, his successor shall be appointed by the gover-  
7 nor for a term beginning on the second Monday in January of  
8 the year following the election of the governor and shall serve  
9 at the pleasure of the governor and shall receive a salary not  
10 exceeding fifteen thousand dollars and shall devote his full  
11 time during business hours to the duties of his office. He shall  
12 give bond with sureties in the sum of ten thousand dollars, to  
13 be approved by the state treasurer, for the faithful perform-  
14 ance of his duties.

1 SECTION 12. Section 1 of chapter 27 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 66 of said chapter 801, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out the fourth sentence  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—Upon  
5 the expiration of the term of office of a commissioner, his  
6 successor shall be appointed by the governor for a term  
7 beginning on the second Monday in January of the year  
8 following election of the governor and shall serve at the  
9 pleasure of the governor.

1 SECTION 13. Chapter 28 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 1, as appearing in the  
3 Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section:—

5 *Section 1.* There shall be a metropolitan district commis-  
6 sion, consisting of a commissioner and four associate commis-  
7 sioners, who shall at the time of their appointment be  
8 resident within the district of which the commission has  
9 jurisdiction and at least one shall be a resident of the city of  
10 Boston.

1 SECTION 14. Said chapter 28 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 2, as most recently amended by section 61  
3 of chapter 801 of the acts of 1963, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 2.* The commissioner shall be appointed by the  
6 governor to serve for a term beginning on the second Monday  
7 in January of the year following the election of the governor  
8 and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor and shall  
9 receive a salary not exceeding twenty thousand dollars and  
10 shall devote his whole time during business hours to the  
11 duties of his office. As the term of an associate commissioner  
12 expires, his successor shall be appointed by the governor for a  
13 term of four years, and shall receive a salary not exceeding  
14 sixty-five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 15. Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
2 seventy-five of chapter six of the General Laws, as amended  
3 by section two of this act, the commissioner of rehabilitation  
4 first appointed after November twenty-sixth, nineteen hun-  
5 dred and sixty-eight, shall serve for a term expiring on the  
6 second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and seventy-  
7 five.

1 SECTION 16. Notwithstanding the provisions of section  
2 eight of chapter thirteen of the General Laws, as amended  
3 by section three of this act, the director of registration first  
4 appointed after January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and  
5 sixty-nine, shall serve for a term expiring on the second  
6 Monday in January, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

1 SECTION 17. Notwithstanding the provisions of section two  
2 of chapter seventeen of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 section five of this act, the commissioner of public health who  
4 is first appointed after April fourth, nineteen hundred and  
5 sixty-eight, shall serve for a term expiring on the second  
6 Monday in January, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

1 SECTION 18. Notwithstanding the provisions of section two  
2 of chapter nineteen of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 section seven of this act, the person first appointed commis-  
4 sioner of mental health after October nineteenth, nineteen  
5 hundred and sixty-eight shall serve for a term expiring on the  
6 second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and seventy-  
7 five.

1 SECTION 19. Notwithstanding the provisions of section two  
2 of chapter twenty-eight of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 section fourteen of this act, the commissioner of the metro-  
4 politan district commission who is first appointed after  
5 January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy shall serve  
6 until the second Monday in January, nineteen hundred and  
7 seventy-five.

1 SECTION 20. Nothing in this act shall affect the terms of  
2 office of the persons holding the offices of commissioner of  
3 veterans services, commissioner of rehabilitation, director of  
4 registration, registrar of motor vehicles, commissioner of  
5 public health, commissioner of public welfare, commissioner  
6 of mental health, commissioner of public safety, commis-  
7 sioner of labor, commissioner of banks, commissioner of  
8 insurance, commissioner of correction, commissioner of the  
9 metropolitan district commission and associate commissioner  
10 of the metropolitan district commission immediately prior to  
11 the effective date of this act, who shall continue in office until  
12 the expiration of the terms in office for which they were  
13 appointed.



