

HOUSE No. 2535

By Mr. Cain of Wilmington, petition of the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association and Fred F. Cain for legislation to authorize chiefs of police to assign officers and to make suitable regulations governing police departments. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CHIEFS OF POLICE TO ASSIGN THEIR OFFICERS AND TO MAKE SUITABLE REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 96 the following new section:—
- 3 *Section 96A.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any gen-
- 4 eral or special law or any city ordinance or town by-law to
- 5 the contrary, the chief of police, or superintendent of police,
- 6 or marshall, in every city and town, except the city of Boston,
- 7 shall be in immediate control of all property used by the
- 8 police department, shall assign all officers to their respective
- 9 duties regardless of rank and said officers shall obey his
- 10 orders, and he shall make suitable rules and regulations from
- 11 time to time governing the police department.

HOUSE No. 232

The Commission on Government

(Part of the Commission Report on Government)

The Commission on Government has the honor to submit to you this report on the work of the Commission during the past year. The Commission was organized on July 1, 1947, and has since that time been engaged in a study of the various aspects of government, with a view to recommending such changes as may be necessary to improve its efficiency and to make it more responsive to the needs of the people. The Commission has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from citizens and officials alike. It has also conducted extensive research into the various problems connected with government, and has prepared this report as a result of its work. The report is divided into three parts: the first part deals with the general principles of government; the second part deals with the organization and administration of government; and the third part deals with the various agencies of government. It is hoped that this report will be of some assistance to you in your deliberations on the subject of government.