

By Mr. Flynn of Hanover, petition of William J. Flynn, Jr., relative to the annual observance of the silver-haired legislature days. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SILVER-HAIRED LEGISLATURE DAYS.

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 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 15PP, inserted by chapter 63 of the Acts of 1980, the
3 following section: —

4 *Section 15QQ.* The governor shall annually set apart the third
5 Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in November, or with the
6 approval of secretary of elder affairs, any other Wednesday,
7 Thursday, and Friday, as Silver-Haired Legislature Days, and
8 shall by proclamation recommend that exercises appropriate to
9 such days be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.

10 The Silver-Haired Legislature may, subject to the approval of
11 the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the
12 senate, use the Chambers of each branch and hearing rooms of
13 each committee to conduct its business.

14 There shall be a silver-haired senate of forty members and a
15 silver-haired house of representatives of one hundred and sixty
16 members nominated and elected, according to rules promulgated
17 by the secretary of elders affairs, from districts corresponding as
18 nearly as possible to the senatorial and representative districts.

19 The silver-haired legislature may assemble in Boston at the State
20 House on the designated Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and
21 may, subject to the approval of the speaker of the house of repre-

22 sentatives and the president of the senate, use the Chambers of the
23 senate and the house of representatives for the purpose of the
24 meeting, may elect officers, appoint committees, introduce bills,
25 conduct hearings, receive committee reports, debate such reports
26 and vote on the acceptance or rejection of the same, and in general
27 conduct its proceedings in the same manner as the general court.