

HOUSE No. 4779

By Ms. Rourke of Lowell (by request), petition of Donald C. Page for legislation to regulate the salaries of any elected or appointed member of the executive, legislative or judicial branch of government who announces a candidacy for the office of the President of the United States or senator or representative in Congress. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF SALARIES TO STATE EMPLOYEES WHO BECOME CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

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 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 after section 23A the following section: —
- 3 Section 23B. Any elected or appointed member of the executive,
- 4 legislative or judicial branch of government who announces his
- 5 candidacy for the offices of president of the United States, United
- 6 States senator or congressman shall not receive compensation
- 7 from the commonwealth from the date of such announcement
- 8 until the date of election for such office.

The first part of the bill is devoted to the establishment of a new department of the Interior, to be known as the Department of the Interior, and to the transfer of the various bureaus and offices now under the Department of the Interior to the new Department of the Interior.

The Department of the Interior

The bill provides that the Department of the Interior shall be organized on the first day of January, 1905, and that the Secretary of the Interior shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, for a term of four years.

The bill also provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall have the honor and rank of a cabinet officer, and that he shall be entitled to the same allowances and emoluments as are now enjoyed by the Secretary of the Interior.

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