

HOUSE No. 1716

By Mr. Gallant of Weymouth, petition of the Permanent Firemen's Association relative to the hours of duty of permanent members of the fire department in the town of Weymouth. Towns.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HOURS OF DUTY OF THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE TOWN OF WEYMOUTH.

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 hours of duty of the permanent
2 members of the uniformed fire fighting force in the
3 town of Weymouth, upon acceptance of this act as
4 hereinafter provided, shall be so established by the
5 chief of the fire department that the average weekly
6 hours of duty in any year, other than hours during
7 which such members may be summoned and kept on
8 duty because of conflagrations, shall not exceed fifty-
9 six in number. Sections fifty-six, fifty-eight A and
10 fifty-nine of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws
11 shall not apply to the permanent members of the uni-
12 formed fire fighting force in said town.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for ac-
2 ceptance to the voters of said town at any annual

3 town meeting in the form of the following question:
4 — “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the
5 year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, providing for a
6 fifty-six hour week for the permanent members of the
7 fire department of this town, be accepted?” If a
8 majority of the votes in answer to said question is in
9 the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full
10 effect.

1 SECTION 3. If this act has not already been ac-
2 cepted as provided by section two of this act, upon
3 petition of not less than ten per cent of the registered
4 voters in the town of Weymouth, duly certified by the
5 registrars of voters and filed with the state secretary
6 not less than thirty days before any state election, the
7 state secretary shall cause to be printed upon the
8 official ballot to be used in said town at such state
9 election the following question:— “Shall an act
10 passed by the General Court in the year nineteen
11 hundred and fifty-one, providing for a fifty-six hour
12 week for the permanent members of the fire depart-
13 ment of this town, be accepted?” If a majority of the
14 votes cast on said question in the town of Weymouth
15 are in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take
16 full effect.