

HOUSE No. 1868

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 20, 1919.

The committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was re-committed the Bill to systematize the payment by the city of Boston of compensation to various officials and employees, and the expenditure of money by the county of Suffolk (printed as Senate, No. 264), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

BERNARD EARLY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

To systematize the Payment by the City of Boston of Compensation to Various Officials and Employees, and the Expenditure of Money by the County of Suffolk.

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. In the year nineteen hundred and nineteen
2 and thereafter, the expenditure of money for public
3 purposes by the county of Suffolk shall be made on the
4 following basis: — On or before the first day of November
5 in each year, the mayor shall require the head of each
6 division, branch, department or office of the county of
7 Suffolk to prepare and deliver to him in such segregated
8 form as may be prescribed by him, a budget covering the
9 proposed or estimated expenditure of his division, branch,
10 department or office during the fiscal year beginning on
11 the first day of February of the following year.

12 After receiving the budgets hereinbefore provided for,
13 the mayor shall consider the same and may reduce or
14 reject, but may not increase any item or items thereof,
15 and shall submit the same with his recommendations in
16 the form of approval, reduction or rejection, and with
17 such comments or statements as he sees fit to make in
18 relation thereto, to the city council.

19 The city council may reduce or reject any item but,
20 without the approval of the mayor, shall not increase any
21 item in, nor the total of, a budget, nor add any item
22 thereto, nor shall it originate a budget.

23 No item of the county budget shall be allowed unless
24 it has the approval both of the mayor and of the city
25 council, and no expenditure for the county of Suffolk
26 shall be authorized except as to items contained in a
27 budget approved both by the mayor and by the city
28 council of Boston.

1 SECTION 2. No increase shall be made in the com-
2 pensation of any official or employee of the county of
3 Suffolk or of any official or employee whose salary or
4 wages is paid by the city of Boston, unless the same is
5 approved in writing by the mayor of the city of Boston.

1 SECTION 3. Nothing in this act shall be construed to
2 authorize the mayor or city council to reject any item
3 the appropriation for which is now required by any act
4 of the legislature, or to reduce in amount a sum now
5 fixed by any act of the legislature to be paid by said city
6 for county purposes.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

