

HOUSE No. 441.

[Mr. STRATTON of Milford gives notice that he will move to substitute this Bill for the report, inexpedient to legislate, of the Committee on Labor.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five.

AN ACT

To provide for a Board of Arbitration to act in Industrial Difficulties.

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. Three persons shall be appointed
2 by the governor and council to form a board
3 whose title shall be industrial arbitrators. One
4 shall be appointed for three years, one for two
5 years and one for one year, in the first instance.
6 After the expiration of the term of the first ap-
7 pointees, future appointments shall be for three

8 years, except when vacancies occur by death,
9 resignation or removal, when only the remainder
10 of the term of the retiring arbitrator shall be
11 filled. Appointments may be made not exceed-
12 ing thirty days in advance of a prospective va-
13 cancy.

1 SECT. 2. If any controversy shall arise be-
2 tween employers of labor and persons employed
3 in any industrial art, any three persons having an
4 interest in such controversy may petition, setting
5 forth the facts thereof, with an agreement to said
6 board that no interference shall occur to the
7 business of the employer or the employee during
8 the arbitrament of the case, and the chairman of
9 said board shall cause the board to assemble and
10 shall refer the petition to them, and they shall
11 set a time and place of hearing and give notice
12 thereof, not less than three days nor more than
13 seven, to the petitioner and the person com-
14 plained of, and shall hear the parties, either mem-
15 ber of the board being at liberty to express his
16 individual opinion in the matter, and shall advise
17 the parties to the controversy what action to take
18 in the matter for the quieting of the contention.
19 The report shall be published, and shall be trans-
20 mitted to the legislature as the annual report of
21 the board.

1 SECT. 3. The sum of five dollars a day, and
2 necessary travelling expenses when away from
3 home, shall be paid to each of said labor arbitrat-

4 ors for time actually employed in their pre-
5 scribed service, and a sum not exceeding five dol-
6 lars a day for a room for hearings, when required,
7 to be paid on vouchers approved by a majority of
8 the board, audited and allowed in the usual way.

1 **SECT. 4.** This act shall take effect September
2 first, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, except
3 that the first appointments provided for shall be
4 made not less than twenty days prior to said date,
5 the term of service to begin September first, eigh-
6 teen hundred and eighty-five.

