

HOUSE No. 668

By Mr. Nelson of Boston, petition of Eric A. Nelson for legislation to provide that the secretary of the Police Commissioner for the City of Boston shall be a lawyer and relative to legal services for said commissioner. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SECRETARY TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OF BOSTON BE A LAWYER AND FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF ALL LEGAL SERVICES FOR SAID COMMISSIONER BY HIM AND BY THE CORPORATION COUNSEL.

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. Section seven of chapter two hundred
2 and ninety-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and
3 six is hereby amended by striking out the last para-
4 graph and inserting in place thereof the following:—
5 Said police commissioner shall appoint a secretary,
6 who shall be exempt from the civil service law and
7 shall be a member of the bar, who shall be sworn to
8 the faithful performance of his duties, shall act as
9 counsel and legal adviser to the commissioner and
10 keep such records, issue such notices and attest such
11 papers and orders as said police commissioner shall
12 direct. His term of office shall be five years, but he
13 may be removed by said police commissioner for such

14 cause as he shall deem sufficient. Such cause shall
15 be stated in his order of removal.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter two hundred and ninety-
2 one is hereby further amended by striking out section
3 nine, as amended by chapter thirteen of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and twenty, and inserting in place
5 thereof the following:—

6 *Section 9.* Said police commissioner shall employ
7 the office of the corporation counsel of said city to
8 furnish such legal services as he may deem necessary
9 in the performance of his duties if he determines that
10 for any reason such services should not be by the
11 secretary appointed under the provisions of section
12 seven. The expenses incidental to the rendering of
13 such services shall be paid from the appropriations
14 for the office of such counsel.