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By Mr. Dorgan of Boston (by request), petition of Coleman E. Kelly for an investigation by the Finance Commission of the City of Boston of the welfare department of said city. Cities.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act providing for an Investigation of the Welfare Department of the City of Boston by the Finance Commission of Said City.

*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 finance commission of Boston  
2 shall investigate the welfare department of the city  
3 of Boston. The said commission shall appoint an  
4 expert accountant who shall audit the books, index  
5 cards, or any other matter pertaining to the welfare  
6 department. The finance commission shall, with the  
7 assistance of the police department, investigate all  
8 persons now receiving aid and the said persons shall,  
9 when visited by any investigator or police, produce  
10 his citizenship papers. Any person who cannot pro-  
11 duce the said citizenship papers when requested so  
12 to do by the investigators shall be removed from  
13 the list of the said welfare department, or if any

14 person on said list is not a resident of the city of  
15 Boston the said person shall be removed from said  
16 list.

1 SECTION 2. The said Boston finance commission  
2 shall investigate how the millions of dollars have  
3 been spent by the welfare department of Boston.  
4 The said commission shall also examine the payrolls  
5 of all persons employed in the welfare department  
6 and the salaries received by them.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.