

HOUSE No. 637.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 8, 1895.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. TUTTLE of Boston. Read and referred to committee on Metropolitan Affairs.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To amend the Charter of the City of Boston.

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 two of chapter two hun-
2 dred and forty-three of the acts of the year
3 eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and section
4 eight of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of
5 the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
6 seventy-six are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 2. All the powers now vested in the
2 board of aldermen and common council acting

3 jointly or separately, which is conferred by
4 statute law or city ordinances of Boston are
5 hereby vested in and conferred upon said board
6 of aldermen, which board shall hereafter be
7 denominated the city council.

1 SECT. 3. All powers and duties conferred by
2 existing statute upon the street commissioners of
3 Boston, and all powers vested in the board of
4 survey by the acts of eighteen hundred and
5 ninety-one, chapter three hundred and twenty-
6 three, are hereby transferred to the board of
7 aldermen of said city, and said powers and duties
8 shall be exercised and carried into effect by said
9 board of aldermen.

1 SECT. 4. All officers and heads of depart-
2 ments who are appointed by the mayor of Boston
3 as provided by law and the city ordinances shall
4 be confirmed by a two-thirds vote of the board
5 of aldermen.

1 SECT. 5. The following boards of commis-
2 sions are hereby abolished, viz.: the fire com-
3 missioners, Boston water commissioners, board of
4 survey commissioners, public institutions commis-
5 sioners, police commissioners, health commission-
6 ers, street commissioners, registration of voters
7 commissioners and park commissioners.

1 SECT. 6. The following single-headed depart-
2 ments are hereby abolished, viz.: the ferry

3 department, inspector of buildings department,
4 inspector of milk and vinegar department, in-
5 spector of provisions department, lamp depart-
6 ment, market department, public buildings
7 department, public grounds department, print-
8 ing department, weights and measures depart-
9 ment, street department, engineering department,
10 surveyors' department, architect department,
11 registry department, Mount Hope cemetery
12 department, water income department, except
13 as otherwise provided in section three of this
14 act. All the powers now vested in the said
15 commissioners and single-headed departments by
16 statute law and the city ordinances of Boston are
17 hereby conferred upon and vested in said nine
18 departments provided for by section seven of this
19 act.

1 **SECT. 7.** In place of said commissioners and
2 departments hereby abolished, the city council of
3 said Boston in the month of April, eighteen hun-
4 dred and ninety-five, shall organize ten depart-
5 ments of public works, to be called the fire
6 department, the street department, the public
7 institutions department, the public parks depart-
8 ment, the police department, the health depart-
9 ment, the buildings department, the water depart-
10 ment, the registration of voters department, the
11 civil engineering department, except as otherwise
12 provided in this act. The city council shall trans-
13 fer to the said ten departments the work now
14 done by the said three-headed commissioners and

15 the single-headed departments that are hereby
16 abolished; to the end that all the work now done
17 by the numerous departments shall be consoli-
18 dated into and under the control of the ten
19 departments created by this act. Nothing in this
20 act shall take from the mayor the executive
21 authority now vested in him by the statute laws
22 and the ordinances of the city of Boston.

1 SECT. 8. The mayor of the city of Boston
2 shall appoint, subject to the confirmation by a
3 two-thirds vote of the board of aldermen for the
4 term of three years, commencing on the first day
5 of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and
6 every three years thereafter a superintendent for
7 each of the departments provided for by section
8 seven of this act, except the superintendent of
9 police who shall be appointed by the governor,
10 with the advice and consent of the council, for
11 the term of three years commencing on the first
12 day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety-five,
13 and every three years thereafter. Said superin-
14 tendents shall not be removed during the said
15 term except for cause which shall be stated in
16 the order for removal.

1 SECT. 9. The city council of Boston shall
2 provide by ordinance that the superintendents
3 of the departments provided for by section seven
4 of this act shall each receive an annual salary not
5 exceeding three thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 10. All ordinances, rules and votes of
2 the city council of said Boston and the board
3 of aldermen are annulled, so far as they are in-
4 consistent with the provisions of this act. All
5 legislative acts and parts of acts inconsistent
6 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 11. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage, except as otherwise provided in section
3 twelve of this act.

1 SECT. 12. So much of sections seven and
2 eight of this act as relates to the abolishment of
3 commissions and single-headed departments, and
4 so much in this act as relates to the transfer of
5 departments, shall take effect when said city
6 council has organized the departments as pro-
7 vided in section seven, and when the mayor and
8 the governor have appointed the superintendents
9 as provided in section eight of this act. Section
10 two of this act shall take effect after the expira-
11 tion of the term of the common council elected
12 for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

