

HOUSE No. 1689

By Mr. Bresnahan of Springfield, petition of Daniel J. Bresnahan that bureaus of old age assistance in certain cities be made separate and distinct from boards of public welfare. Pensions and Municipal Finance (sitting jointly).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BUREAUS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM BOARDS OF PUBLIC WELFARE, IN CERTAIN CITIES.

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 one hundred
2 and eighteen A of the General Laws, as appearing in
3 section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-six
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-six, is
5 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence
6 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

7 Each city of fifty thousand or more inhabitants
8 shall, for the purpose of granting adequate assist-
9 ance and service to such aged persons, establish a
10 bureau of old age assistance, which shall be separate
11 and distinct from the board of public welfare. In
12 cities and towns, except as aforesaid, each board of
13 public welfare shall, for said purpose, establish a

14 division thereof to be designated as the bureau of
15 old age assistance.

1 SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall affect the
2 tenure of office, the salary or compensation, civil
3 service status or retirement or pension rights or
4 privileges of any person employed in a board of
5 public welfare or in a bureau of old age assistance
6 upon the establishment of a bureau of old age assist-
7 ance as provided in section one of this act.