
By Mr. Thompson of Cambridge, petition of Alvin E. Thompson and another for legislation to provide for binding arbitration in public employee labor disputes. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BINDING ARBITRATION IN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR DISPUTES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 150E of the General Laws is amended by striking para-
2 graph 5 in Section 9, and inserting the words: —
3 “If the impasse continues after the publication of the fact-
4 finding report, either party, or the parties acting jointly, may peti-
5 tion the board to initiate arbitration proceedings, the result of
6 which shall be a final and binding decision. Upon receipt of such
7 petition, the board shall appoint a panel of three arbitrators from a
8 list of qualified persons. In the alternative, the parties may agree
9 upon the arbitrators and then notify the board of such agreement
10 and choice of arbitrators. The panel shall transmit its finding and
11 its final and binding decision to the board and to both parties
12 within thirty days after the date of their appointment.”

