

HOUSE No. 893

By Mr. Hannon of Boston, petition of Thomas J. Hannon, Jr., for amendment of the law relative to employment of married women in the public service of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF MARRIED WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

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 fifteen of chapter thirty-one of
2 the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary
3 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end
4 thereof the following:—

5 No married woman shall be appointed to any posi-
6 tion in the service of the commonwealth unless the
7 husband of said appointee, either through physical or
8 mental disability is unable to support her, or, by
9 court decree, is not bound to provide such support.

1 SECTION 2. Any unmarried woman employed in
2 the service of the commonwealth prior to the effective
3 date of this act, shall, upon her marriage, terminate
4 her service with the commonwealth unless through
5 physical or mental disability her husband is unable to

6 support her. If the head of the service in which this
7 lady is employed petitions for the retention of this
8 lady after marriage, such petition shall be referred to
9 the commission on administration and finance and
10 such petition may be granted with the proviso that
11 such employment shall not extend beyond six months
12 from the date of such marriage unless the husband
13 through physical or mental disability is unable to
14 support her.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall, upon
2 petition of one hundred registered voters in any city
3 in the commonwealth and fifty registered voters in any
4 town in the commonwealth be placed before the people
5 at the next city or town election immediately follow-
6 ing the filing of said petition and shall become law
7 relative to the employees of said city or town upon its
8 acceptance by the voters of said city or town.