

HOUSE No. 1890

By Messrs. Mann of Newton and Bradley of Newton, petition of Theodore D. Mann, Joseph G. Bradley, Irving Fishman, Paul F. Malloy and Edward M. Dickson that provision be made for alternate requirements for investigations by local authorities of proposed corporations or corporations seeking to change their name or location. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING ALTERNATE REQUIREMENTS FOR INVESTIGATION BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF PROPOSED CORPORATION OR CORPORATION SEEKING TO CHANGE NAME OR LOCATION.

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 180 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 5 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 5A.* In every city and every town which accepts
- 4 this section in the manner hereinafter provided the state
- 5 secretary, in the event that he forwards a statement as
- 6 provided in section five, shall forward such statement to the
- 7 chief of police of such city or town and to the officer charged
- 8 with enforcement of the zoning or ordinances or by-laws, if
- 9 any, of such city or town rather than to the aldermen or
- 10 selectmen. In such case it shall be the duty of the chief of
- 11 police to make the investigation and report required by
- 12 section five as to all matters except the suitability of any
- 13 location to be occupied and it shall be the duty of the officer
- 14 charged with enforcement of the zoning ordinances or by-
- 15 laws, if any, and otherwise of the chief of police, to make the
- 16 investigation and report required by said section as to

17 whether any location to be occupied is unsuitable. This
 18 section shall become effective in a city by vote of its city
 19 council subject to the provisions of its charter and in a town
 20 by a majority vote at an annual town meeting. Forthwith
 21 upon the adoption of such a vote the clerk of such city or
 22 town shall file with the state secretary an attested copy
 23 thereof together with a certificate identifying the officer
 24 charged with enforcing the zoning ordinances or by-laws of
 25 such city or town or, if there is no such officer, so stating.