

# SENATE . . . . No. 759

To accompany the petition of Fred Lamson for legislation to provide for the division of ward six into two wards and increasing to eight the number of wards in the city of Malden. Cities.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DIVISION OF WARD SIX INTO TWO WARDS AND INCREASING TO EIGHT THE NUMBER OF WARDS IN THE CITY OF MALDEN.

*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. Notwithstanding any provision of  
2 chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of  
3 eighteen hundred and eighty-one, or amendments  
4 thereof, the present territory comprising ward six in  
5 the city of Malden shall be divided into two wards,  
6 so that they shall contain, as nearly as may be con-  
7 sistent with well defined limits to each of said wards,  
8 an equal number of voters. Said wards shall be desig-  
9 nated by the city council as ward six and ward eight.

1 SECTION 2. The city council shall, as soon as may  
2 be after the acceptance of this act as provided in sec-  
3 tion three, and not later than December in the current  
4 year, make a redivision of said ward six into wards  
5 six and eight as hereinbefore provided, and voting  
6 precincts as provided in sections one and two of chap-  
7 ter fifty-four of the General Laws. For all elections,  
8 preliminary elections and primaries held in said city  
9 after ward six has been redivided into wards six and  
10 eight, as hereinbefore provided, and prior to the first

11 biennial state election at which representatives are to  
12 be elected from new representative districts estab-  
13 lished under the provisions of the constitution, ward  
14 six as existing previous to such redivision shall con-  
15 tinue, and for all such purposes the election officers  
16 shall be appointed and hold office and voting lists  
17 shall be prepared and all other things required by  
18 law shall be done as if there had been no such redivi-  
19 sion; provided, that the city council may for the  
20 purposes of any municipal election held prior to said  
21 state election, order that the new wards six and eight  
22 shall be in effect and thereupon the mayor of said  
23 city may make such adjustments in the personnel  
24 and assignments of election officers as may be neces-  
25 sary.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted for ac-  
2 ceptance to the registered voters of the city of Malden  
3 at the biennial state election in the current year in the  
4 form of the following question, which shall be placed  
5 upon the official ballot to be used in said city at said  
6 election: — “Shall an act passed by the General Court  
7 in the current year providing for the division of ward  
8 six into two wards and increasing to eight the number  
9 of wards in the city of Malden, be accepted?” If a  
10 majority of the votes in answer to said question is in  
11 the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take  
12 full effect, but not otherwise.