

HOUSE No. 7427

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 6, 1973.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the city of Haverhill to have six members on the regional district school committee of the vocational regional school district comprising the cities of Haverhill and Newburyport and certain surrounding towns and providing for their election by the voters of the city of Haverhill (House, No. 7308), report that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 7427).

For the committee,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF HAVERHILL TO HAVE SIX MEMBERS, THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT TWO MEMBERS AND EACH TOWN MEMBER ONE MEMBER ON THE REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPRISING THE CITIES OF HAVERHILL AND NEWBURYPORT AND CERTAIN SURROUNDING TOWNS AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR ELECTION BY THE VOTERS OF EACH RESPECTIVE CITY OR TOWN.

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 the provisions of section three
2 of chapter one hundred and fifty-six of the acts of nineteen
3 hundred and sixty-seven, the city of Haverhill shall have six
4 members, the city of Newburyport two members and each town
5 member one member on the regional district school committee,
6 established under authority of said section three.

1 SECTION 2. At the municipal election to be held in the year
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-five, the voters of the city of
3 Haverhill shall elect by ballot the six regional district school
4 committee members, authorized by section one, of whom the
5 first two in the number of votes received shall serve for six years,
6 the second two in such order shall serve for four years, and the
7 third two shall serve for two years and in the city of
8 Newburyport the voters shall elect by ballot the two regional
9 district school committee members also authorized by section
10 one, of whom the first one in the number of votes received shall
11 serve for four years and the second one in such order shall serve
12 for two years. At the annual town meetings to be held in the year
13 nineteen hundred and seventy-five of the town members of the
14 regional school district, the voters of each town shall by ballot
15 elect the committee member authorized by section one to serve
16 for a term of two years. At each municipal and town election
17 thereafter there shall be elected in place of those members whose

18 terms are about to expire, an equal number of members to serve
19 for two years. The members shall serve until their successors are
20 elected and qualified and in the event of a vacancy in the
21 membership of such committee from a city, the city council of
22 such city shall appoint a resident of the city to serve out the term
23 of the person so replaced. In case of a vacancy in the membership
24 of a member from a town, the board of selectmen of that town
25 shall appoint a resident of the town to serve out the term of the
26 person so replaced. Upon the election and qualification of the
27 members, as herein provided, the term of office of the persons on
28 said committee who are the committee members from such city
29 or town shall cease and terminate.

1 SECTION 3. The city councils of the city of Haverhill and
2 the city of Newburyport shall direct their respective city clerks
3 to cause the question of the acceptance of the provisions of this
4 act to be placed on the ballot to be used at the next city election
5 or the next state election, whichever occurs first after the
6 effective date of this act, in substantially the form hereinafter set
7 forth, and the selectmen of the towns of Amesbury, Georgetown,
8 Groveland, Ipswich, Merrimac, Newbury, Rowley, Salisbury, and
9 West Newbury shall cause to be presented for determination by
10 vote, with printed ballots at a special town meeting called for
11 that purpose or at the annual town meeting to be held next after
12 the effective date of this act, the question of the acceptance of
13 the provisions of this act, which question shall be in substantially
14 the following form: — “Shall the city (town) accept the
15 provisions of an act passed by the general court in the year
16 nineteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled ‘An Act authorizing
17 the city of Haverhill to have six members, the city of
18 Newburyport two members and each town member on the
19 regional district school committee of the vocational regional
20 school district comprising the cities of Haverhill and Newbury-
21 port and certain surrounding towns and providing for their
22 election by the voters of each respective city or town’, be
23 accepted?” if a majority of the voters present and voting in each
24 of the cities of Haverhill and Newburyport and a majority of the
25 voters present and voting in each of the towns comprising the
26 district vote in the affirmative then this act shall thereupon take
27 full effect, but not otherwise.

