

HOUSE No. 487

By Mr. MacDonald of West Springfield, petition of James R. Dearden and others (selectmen) that the town of West Springfield be authorized to establish a park and playground commission. Towns.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WEST SPRINGFIELD
TO ESTABLISH A PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION.

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. There shall be established in the
2 town of West Springfield a park and playground
3 commission to consist of six members. In the elec-
4 tion of the initial members thereof, two shall be
5 elected to serve for one year, two for two years,
6 and two for three years, from the date of the annual
7 town election at which they are elected, and there-
8 after when the terms of members expire, their suc-
9 cessors shall be elected to serve for three years. In
10 all cases the members shall serve until their suc-
11 cessors are qualified.

1 SECTION 2. Upon the qualification of the initial
2 members of said commission, it shall have all the

3 powers, rights and duties now or from time to
4 time vested by general or special law in a park com-
5 mission or a playground commission, and the park
6 commission and the playground commission of said
7 town shall thereupon be abolished. No contracts
8 or liabilities in force on the date when this act be-
9 comes fully effective shall be affected by such abo-
10 lition but said park and playground commission
11 shall in all respects be the lawful successor of the
12 park commission and the playground commission
13 of said town.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the
2 legal voters of said town at its annual town election
3 in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, in
4 the form of the following question which shall be
5 placed on the official ballot to be used for the election
6 of town officers at said election: "Shall an act passed
7 by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred
8 and thirty-nine, entitled 'An Act authorizing the
9 Town of West Springfield to establish a Park and
10 Playground Commission', be accepted?" If a ma-
11 jority of the votes cast in answer to such question
12 is in the affirmative, this act shall become fully
13 effective beginning with, and for the purposes of, the
14 annual town election in the year nineteen hundred
15 and forty; but not otherwise.