

# SENATE . . . . No. 579

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[Senate, No. 579. Moved (Giroux) as a substitute for the Senate Report of the committee on Cities, "leave to withdraw," on the petition of Eugene H. Giroux (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 5).]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF ASSESSORS FOR THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE TO CONSIST OF THREE MEMBERS INSTEAD OF FIVE, FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR SALARIES AND DEFINING THEIR POWERS AND DUTIES.

*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. On or before the first day of Decem-  
2 ber in the current year the mayor of the city of  
3 Somerville, subject to confirmation by the board of  
4 aldermen, shall appoint three persons to be assessors  
5 of taxes to serve, one for three years, one for two  
6 years and one for one year, beginning on the first Mon-  
7 day in January next following; and thereafter the  
8 mayor shall annually on or before December first  
9 appoint in the same manner a person for a term of  
10 three years, to serve from the first Monday of Janu-  
11 ary next following. The persons appointed as afore-  
12 said shall constitute the board of assessors, shall  
13 exercise the powers and be subject to the liabilities

14 and duties prescribed by the General Laws of the  
15 commonwealth and the ordinances of the city. Va-  
16 cancies occurring in the board of assessors may be  
17 filled in the same manner, but only for the unexpired  
18 term. One member of the board of assessors shall  
19 be designated annually by the mayor, without con-  
20 firmation, as chairman of said board. All the mem-  
21 bers of the board shall devote their whole time to the  
22 duties of their offices and shall have general super-  
23 vision and control of all matters appertaining to the  
24 board not expressly provided for by law. They shall  
25 select and appoint all assistant assessors and clerks.  
26 The members of the board of assessors shall receive  
27 such salaries as may be determined by the board of  
28 aldermen, with the approval of the mayor.

1 SECTION 2. The members of the board of asses-  
2 sors of said city in office on the effective date of this  
3 act shall serve until the qualifications of their suc-  
4 cessors appointed under section one of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Such provisions of chapter two hun-  
2 dred and forty of the acts of eighteen hundred and  
3 ninety-nine and acts in amendment thereof or in  
4 addition thereto, as are inconsistent with this act  
5 are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.