

# HOUSE . . . . No. 231

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By Mr. Valentine of Chelmsford (by request), petition of Woodbury F. Howard for legislation temporarily suspending certain provisions of the standard form of city charter of the city of Lowell in relation to the filling of vacancies in the office of mayor and city council. Cities.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STANDARD CHARTER OF THE CITY OF LOWELL IN RELATION TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR AND IN THE CITY COUNCIL.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 That portion of General Laws, chapter forty-three,  
2 section twenty-six, as amended by chapter two hun-  
3 dred and twenty-four, section one, of the acts of  
4 nineteen hundred and thirty-seven and chapter  
5 three hundred and seventy-eight, section nine, of the  
6 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, reading as  
7 follows:— “Except as otherwise provided in sections  
8 fifty A, fifty-nine A, eighty-six and one hundred and  
9 two, if a vacancy occurs in the office of the mayor  
10 or city council before the last six months of the term  
11 of office, the city council shall order an election for

12 a mayor or a member of the council to serve for the  
13 unexpired term", — is hereby suspended in its appli-  
14 cation to the city of Lowell for and during the calen-  
15 dar year nineteen hundred and forty-three and, dur-  
16 ing that period, no election to fill any such vacancy  
17 shall be held.