

HOUSE No. 1271

By Mr. Chapman of Boston (by request), petition of Harold E. Cole for legislation to amend the charter of the city of Taunton with reference to vacancies in the offices of mayor and municipal council. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF TAUNTON AND ANY STATUTES OF THE COMMONWEALTH WHICH ARE APPLICABLE SPECIFICALLY TO SAID CITY.

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. If, after a mayor of Taunton serves
2 nine months or longer of the term for which he was
3 elected, the office of mayor becomes vacant due to
4 the death, resignation, imprisonment or from other
5 cause, the municipal council shall within fifteen days,
6 by majority vote, elect a mayor either from the citi-
7 zens of Taunton or from among their own number,
8 who shall serve the remainder of said term and re-
9 ceive the mayor's compensation.

1 SECTION 2. If, after a municipal councilman of
2 Taunton has served nine months or longer of the
3 term for which he was elected and his office becomes

4 vacant from any cause the municipal council within
5 fifteen days shall by majority vote elect some Taunton
6 citizen a councilman to serve the remainder of said
7 term and receive the councilman's compensation.
