

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1495

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By Mr. Morton of Fall River (by request), petition of William H. Leedham and others for the appointment by the Governor of a board of police and licensing board for the city of Fall River. Cities.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF POLICE AND LICENSING BOARD FOR THE CITY OF FALL RIVER TO BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

*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. Chapter eighty of the acts of nineteen  
2 hundred and forty-six is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 2. The governor, with the advice and  
2 consent of the council, shall appoint from the two  
3 principal political parties, three legal voters of the  
4 city of Fall River who shall have been residents therein  
5 two years immediately preceding the date of their  
6 appointment, who shall constitute a board of police  
7 for said city, and who shall be sworn before entering  
8 upon the duties of their office. One member of said  
9 board shall be designated by the governor as chair-  
10 man, and two shall constitute a quorum. The terms  
11 of office shall be so arranged and designated at the time  
12 of appointment that the term of one member shall

13 expire on the first Monday in April in the year nine-  
14 teen hundred and forty-nine, one on the first Monday  
15 of April in the year nineteen hundred and fifty and  
16 one on the first Monday of April in the year nineteen  
17 hundred and fifty-one. The full term of office after  
18 those years shall be three years, and all vacancies oc-  
19 ccurring after the passage of this act shall be filled by  
20 the governor with the advice and consent of the  
21 council. The members of said board may be removed  
22 by the governor, with the advice and consent of the  
23 council, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient and  
24 shall express in the order of removal. The board  
25 shall appoint a clerk, who shall be sworn, who shall  
26 keep a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and  
27 attest all such papers and orders as said board shall  
28 direct, whose term of office shall be three years but  
29 who may be removed by said board for such cause as  
30 it shall deem sufficient and shall express in its order of  
31 removal. All rules and regulations for the governing  
32 of the police department of said city in force on the  
33 effective date of this act shall continue in force until  
34 otherwise ordered by said board of police. Said board  
35 shall also act as license commissioners for said city  
36 and shall succeed to all the rights, powers, duties and  
37 obligations of the boards established by section three  
38 of said chapter eighty. All rules and regulations gov-  
39 erning the issuing of licenses in force on said effective  
40 date shall continue in effect until otherwise ordered  
41 by said board and all licenses in force on said effective  
42 date shall continue in force until their terminal dates  
43 unless sooner revoked by said board for cause.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the  
2 voters of Fall River by referendum at the next municipi-

3 pal election in said city. If it is accepted by a majority  
4 of the voters voting thereon, it shall thereupon become  
5 effective, otherwise it shall not take effect. Upon the  
6 taking full effect of this act, all persons then holding  
7 office or employment under said chapter eighty shall  
8 continue to hold office and employment and exercise  
9 the powers thereof until their successors appointed  
10 under authority of this act are qualified.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage for the purpose of the submission thereof to  
3 the voters of Fall River at the next municipal election  
4 of said city.

