

HOUSE No. 281

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition of John J. Toomey for nomination by preliminary elections of the members of the city council and school committee of the city of Cambridge and for their election by ordinary plurality voting. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE NOMINATION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE BY PRELIMINARY ELECTIONS, AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR ELECTION BY ORDINARY PLURALITY VOTING.

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. So much of the provisions of sections
2 ninety-three to one hundred and sixteen of chapter
3 forty-three of the General Laws as provides for the
4 election by proportional representation of members
5 of the city council and the school committee in a city
6 having a Plan E form of city charter shall not apply
7 in the city of Cambridge.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of
2 said chapter forty-three to the contrary, nominations
3 of candidates for election to the city council and the

4 school committee of said city shall be made at pre-
5 liminary elections under the provisions of sections
6 forty-four A to forty-four G of said chapter forty-
7 three, which sections are hereby made applicable in
8 said city, and the candidates nominated at such
9 preliminary elections shall be the candidates for elec-
10 tion at the regular municipal election therein by
11 ordinary plurality voting.

1 SECTION 3. Upon petition of ten per cent of the
2 registered voters of the city of Cambridge filed with
3 the state secretary not later than thirty days before
4 the biennial state election in the current year, this
5 act shall be submitted to the registered voters of
6 said city at said election in the form of the following
7 question, which shall be placed on the official ballot
8 for use in said city at said election: — “Shall an act
9 passed by the general court in the current year, en-
10 titled ‘An Act providing for the nomination of mem-
11 bers of the city council and the school committee of
12 the city of Cambridge by preliminary elections, and
13 providing for their election by ordinary plurality
14 voting’, be accepted?” If a majority of the votes in
15 answer to said question is in the affirmative, this
16 act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.