

SENATE No. 256

To accompany the petition of Richard H. Lee, Sumner G. Whittier and another for legislation to further regulate the holding of horse and dog racing meetings in cities and towns. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE HOLDING OF HORSE
AND DOG RACING MEETINGS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

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

1 Chapter 128A of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 13B, inserted by
3 chapter 322 of the acts of 1937, the following section:—
4 *Section 13C.* No approval by the selectmen of a
5 town, under section thirteen A, of the location of a
6 race track in such town shall be final, if a petition,
7 signed by not less than thirty-five qualified voters of
8 such town and requiring ratification of such approval
9 in the manner hereinafter provided, shall have been
10 filed with the town clerk within fifteen days following
11 such approval, unless and until such approval shall
12 have been ratified by vote of two thirds of the quali-
13 fied voters of such town, voting at an election to be
14 held in said town at a time and place to be determined
15 by the selectmen, but not less than fifteen days nor

16 more than sixty days subsequent to the filing of such
 17 petition, upon the following question, which shall be
 18 placed upon the official ballot to be used at such
 19 election:—“Shall the action of the selectmen of
 20 the town approving the location of a race

YES.	
NO.	

21 track therein be ratified by the town?”
 22 This paragraph shall not apply to a city.

23 *Section 13D.* If the location of a race track has
 24 been disapproved by the mayor and aldermen of a
 25 city or the selectmen of a town, or, in a town, if
 26 affirmative action of the selectmen has not been
 27 ratified as provided in the preceding paragraph, no
 28 petition for approval of the same location shall be
 29 received by the mayor and aldermen or the selectmen,
 30 as the case may be, and no hearings shall be held on
 31 the question of approving or disapproving the same
 32 location, for a period of three years from the date of
 33 such disapproval or failure to ratify, as the case may
 34 be.

35 *Section 13E.* Approval of such a location by the
 36 mayor and aldermen, or by the selectmen if ratified
 37 as hereinbefore provided, shall be effective until
 38 December first following the state election to be held
 39 next after the termination of six years immediately
 40 following such approval, or approval and ratification,
 41 as the case may be. Following the expiration of the
 42 time limited by the preceding sentence a license may
 43 be granted by the racing commission for a racing
 44 meeting at such location if, and only if, such location
 45 shall have been again approved, in case of a city, or
 46 in case of a town only if such location shall have been
 47 approved more than thirty days prior to said state
 48 election and ratified by vote of two thirds of the
 49 qualified voters of such town at said state election

50 voting upon the question as stated in section thirteen
51 C above.

52 For the purposes of renewing approval under this
53 section, the approval of tracks which have been in
54 operation six or more years prior to the passage of
55 this act shall be deemed to expire December first,
56 nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

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