
By Mr. Palmer of Somerville, petition of Harold A. Palmer for legislation relative to the election of county commissioners. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

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 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 144 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:—

4 *Section 144.* Upon failure to choose a county com-
5 missioner for a county, except Suffolk and Nantucket
6 counties, the governor shall forthwith issue precepts
7 to the aldermen of each city and the selectmen of
8 each town in such county, directing them to call an
9 election for the election of such officer on a day ap-
10 pointed therein.

11 Upon a vacancy by removal or otherwise in the
12 office of the county commissioner for a county, except
13 Suffolk and Nantucket counties, the governor shall
14 in like manner issue precepts for an election to fill
15 such vacancy at the next biennial state election for
16 which precepts can be seasonably issued, unless the
17 term of the office expires on the first Wednesday of
18 January following such state election, and may
19 appoint some person to fill such office until a person
20 is elected thereto and qualified.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

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