

HOUSE No. 801

By Messrs. Canavan of Revere and Rowan of Revere, petition of Harold W. Canavan and William H. J. Rowan for abolishing the board of registrars of voters of the city of Revere and establishing a board of election commissioners in said city. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS OF THE CITY OF REVERE, AND ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

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. The board of registrars of voters of the
2 city of Revere is hereby abolished. All the powers,
3 rights, liabilities and duties of said board of registrars,
4 either under general or special law, except as otherwise
5 provided, are hereby transferred to and shall hereafter
6 be exercised by a board of election commissioners
7 hereby established in said city, hereinafter called the
8 board, which shall be the lawful successor of said
9 registrars. Immediately upon the qualification of the
10 members of the board as hereinafter provided, the
11 said registrars shall deliver to the board all books,
12 papers, records and all other equipment, furniture and
13 paraphernalia in their possession.

1 SECTION 2. The board shall always consist of four
2 registered voters of said city, two appointed, as pro-
3 vided in section three, from each of the two leading
4 political parties as defined in section one of chapter
5 fifty of the General Laws. They shall receive such
6 annual salary as the manager and city council may by
7 ordinance prescribe. The city manager shall provide
8 the board with suitable office room and equipment.

1 SECTION 3. The members of the board shall be
2 appointed by the city manager, and shall serve until
3 the expiration of their respective terms and until their
4 successors are appointed and qualified. As the terms
5 of the several election commissioners expire, and in
6 case a vacancy occurs in said board, the manager
7 shall so appoint their successors that the members of
8 the board shall, as equally as may be, represent the
9 two leading political parties, and in no case shall an
10 appointment be so made as to cause a board to have
11 more than two members of the same political party.
12 No appointment to said board need be confirmed by
13 the city council.

1 SECTION 4. The board shall organize annually in
2 the month of April by the choice of a chairman and
3 secretary. In case the members are unable to agree
4 upon a chairman and a secretary, such officers shall
5 be designated by the manager. The secretary shall
6 keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of
7 the board, and shall cause such notices as the board
8 may require to be properly served or posted.

1 SECTION 5. Said board shall in all matters relating
2 to objections and questions arising in the case of

3 nominations of candidates for city offices have the
4 power and perform the duties of the board of regis-
5 trars and the city clerk and city solicitor under sec-
6 tion twelve of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws;
7 and when the board is sitting to consider such matters,
8 the justice of the district court of Chelsea, or in case
9 of his disability an associate justice of said court, shall
10 be a member of the said board and shall preside, but
11 shall not vote unless the other commissioners are
12 equally divided.

1 SECTION 6. All the powers, rights, privileges, lia-
2 bilities and duties relating to primaries or elections by
3 law vested in and imposed upon the manager and
4 councillors, or either of them, the city clerk or the
5 board of registrars of voters in cities, except the power
6 and duty of giving notice of elections and fixing the
7 days and hours of holding the same, shall in the city
8 of Revere be vested in and performed by the board
9 of election commissioners, who shall be subject to all
10 penalties prescribed by general law for failure to per-
11 form the said duties.

1 SECTION 7. The board may appoint such assistant
2 commissioners and such other clerical assistants as it
3 deems necessary, who shall at all times equally repre-
4 sent the two leading political parties, as defined as
5 aforesaid.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

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