
By Mrs. Newman of Cambridge, petition of the Cambridge Committee for Plan E, Mary B. Newman and Francis W. Lindstrom for the restoration of election by proportional representation of members of city councils and school committees of certain Plan E cities. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE RESTORATION OF ELECTION BY PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION OF MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF PLAN E CITIES WHICH FORMERLY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE BY PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION.

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. Any city having a Plan E form of
2 city charter which has accepted by referendum the
3 act contained in chapter six hundred and sixty-one
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-nine, as
5 most recently amended by chapter one hundred and
6 eighteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-
7 three, shall, notwithstanding such acceptance, elect
8 by proportional representation, the members of the
9 city council and the school committee in the manner
10 provided by sections ninety-three to one hundred and
11 sixteen, inclusive, of chapter forty-three of the Gen-
12 eral Laws, upon acceptance of this act in the manner
13 hereinafter provided.

1 SECTION 2. Upon petition of ten per cent of the
2 registered voters of said city filed with the city clerk
3 or election commissioners not later than sixty days

4 before a regular city election, this act shall be sub-
5 mitted for acceptance to the registered voters of said
6 city at said regular city election in the form of the
7 following question, which shall be placed on the offi-
8 cial ballot to be used in said city at such election: —
9 “Shall an act passed by the general court entitled
10 ‘An act providing for the restoration of election by
11 proportional representation of members of the city
12 council and school committee of plan E cities which
13 formerly elected members of the city council and
14 school committee by proportional representation’ be
15 accepted?”

16 The petition shall be submitted to the registrars
17 of voters for the certification of the names thereon
18 not later than five o'clock postmeridian of the seventh
19 day preceding the day on which it must be filed with
20 the city clerk.

21 If this act is not accepted at said election, it shall be
22 again submitted for acceptance to the registered
23 voters of said city at a regular city election held not
24 less than four years after the election at which this
25 act was submitted to the voters and was not accepted
26 by them; provided, that a petition for such submis-
27 sion has been filed with the city clerk or election com-
28 missioners in the manner aforesaid.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.