

# SENATE . . . . No. 617

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[Senate, No. 617. — Moved (Innes) as substitute for House Bill No. 2285.]

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN CITY, WARD AND TOWN COMMITTEES.

*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 52 of the General Laws is hereby amended  
2 by striking out section 6, as appearing in section 1 of  
3 chapter 346 of the acts of 1938, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 6.* A vacancy in the office of chairman,  
6 secretary or treasurer of a city, ward or town commit-  
7 tee or in the membership of a ward or town committee  
8 shall be filled by such committee from among the en-  
9 rolled members of the party, and a statement of any  
10 such change shall be filed as in the case of the officers  
11 and members first chosen. Any vacancy in a city or  
12 town committee shall be filled with a person resident  
13 in such city or town. Any vacancy in a ward com-  
14 mittee may be filled with a resident or a non-resident  
15 in such ward; provided, however, that the chairman  
16 of the state committee and the chairman of the city  
17 committee may in their discretion within thirty days  
18 after receipt by the state committee of the notification  
19 provided in section five, in a written notification signed  
20 by both and mailed to each member of said ward  
21 committee disapprove of such selection to fill such  
22 vacancy if the person selected is a non-resident and

23 such selection shall be then void and of no effect as  
24 of the date of the said mailing. If any of the aforesaid  
25 officers or any member chosen to fill a vacancy shall  
26 change his residence from the city, ward or town in  
27 which he lived at the time he was chosen to fill a  
28 vacancy, he shall cease to be a member at the end of  
29 the calendar year during which said residence is  
30 changed; provided, however, that subject to the pro-  
31 visions of the preceding sentence an officer or member  
32 of a ward committee may be rechosen to fill said  
33 vacancy.