

By Mr. Rawson of Newton, petition of George E. Rawson relative to the filing of petitions in towns for the adoption of the two platoon system for fire departments. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO FILING OF PETITIONS FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE TWO PLATOON SYSTEM FOR FIRE DEPARTMENTS.

*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 59 of chapter 48 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—  
4 Upon petition of not less than ten per cent of the  
5 registered voters in any town, duly certified by the  
6 registrars of voters and filed with the town clerk not  
7 less than sixty days before any annual town meeting,  
8 the town clerk shall cause to be printed upon the offi-  
9 cial ballot used for the election of town officers at such  
10 annual town meeting the following question:—“Shall  
11 section fifty-nine of chapter forty-eight of the General  
12 Laws, providing for the division into day and night  
13 forces of permanent members of fire departments,  
14 known as the two platoon system, be accepted?” If  
15 a majority of the votes cast on the said question in  
16 any town are in the affirmative, this section shall take  
17 effect in such town ninety days thereafter.

