

By Mr. McLaughlin of Chelsea, petition of Hugh J. McLaughlin for increased membership on the school committee of the city of Chelsea, limiting the terms of members of said committee to two years and prohibiting them from holding any other appointive or elective position in said city. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR INCREASED MEMBERSHIP, TWO YEAR TERMS, AND FOR LIMITING OFFICE-HOLDING FOR THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CHELSEA.

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 acts of 1947 is hereby amended by
2 striking out sections 1, 2, 3 and 5 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following sections: —

4 *Section 1.* The school committee of the city of Chelsea
5 shall consist of seven members, five members to be
6 elected from the several wards of the city, one from
7 each ward by the registered voters of each of the wards
8 respectively, and two members shall be elected by the
9 registered voters of the city at large.

10 *Section 2.* At the biennial municipal election to be
11 held in the city of Chelsea in the year nineteen hundred
12 and fifty-nine, five members of the school committee
13 shall be elected by and from the registered voters of
14 each of the five wards in said city, and two members by
15 and from the registered voters of the city of Chelsea at
16 large. Said seven members shall be elected for terms of
17 two years each. Seven members shall be elected for
18 two-year terms at every biennial municipal election
19 thereafter as successors to the members of said school

20 committee. All persons elected under the provisions of
21 this act shall serve from eight o'clock in the evening on
22 the first Monday of January following their election and
23 until the qualification of their respective successors.

24 *Section 3.* All members of the school committee of the
25 city of Chelsea elected at the biennial municipal election
26 in nineteen hundred and fifty-five shall cease to hold
27 office upon the qualification of the members of the school
28 committee elected at the biennial municipal election in
29 the year nineteen hundred and fifty-nine, if any.

30 *Section 3A.* No person who serves as a member of the
31 school committee of the city of Chelsea shall hold any
32 other elective or appointive office, job or position in said
33 city of Chelsea.

34 *Section 3B.* This act shall be submitted for acceptance
35 to the registered voters of the city of Chelsea at the
36 biennial municipal election to be held in the year nine-
37 teen hundred and fifty-five in the form of the following
38 question which shall be placed upon the official ballot
39 to be used in said city at said election: — "Shall an act
40 passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred
41 and fifty-five, entitled 'An Act to provide that the
42 school committee of the city of Chelsea shall consist of
43 seven members, five to be elected by and from the five
44 wards respectively and two by the voters of the city of
45 Chelsea at large, that the terms of said school committee
46 be two years; that said members while serving as mem-
47 bers of the said school committee be prohibited from
48 holding other elective or appointive offices within said
49 city of Chelsea' be accepted?" If a majority of the
50 votes cast on said question is in the affirmative then this
51 act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.