
By Mr. Bayley of Boston, petition of Charles H. McGlue for partisan municipal primaries and elections in Boston and for the election of one city councillor from each ward of said city. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTISAN MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS IN BOSTON AND ALSO TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE CITY COUNCILLOR FROM EACH WARD OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

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. Chapter 452 of the acts of 1948, as
2 amended by chapter 376 of the acts of 1951, is further
3 amended by striking out in section 14 of said chapter,
4 the words "at large nine city councillors" and insert-
5 ing in place thereof, the following words:— one city
6 councillor from each of the wards of the city.

1 SECTION 2. The primary and election shall be con-
2 ducted under the provisions of the statutes of this
3 commonwealth relating to partisan primaries and
4 elections. The two leading political parties shall hold
5 a party primary on the sixth Tuesday preceding the
6 regular municipal election, and at said primary each
7 party shall place in nomination a mayor, five school
8 committeemen and a councillor from each of the wards
9 of the city, and said councillor must be a registered
10 voter in said ward. All nominees must be enrolled
11 members of the party whose nomination and election

12 they seek, and each candidate shall file with their
13 nomination papers a certificate of party enrollment.

14 For nomination as mayor at least three thousand
15 registered voters of Boston must sign nomination
16 papers. For nomination as school committeeman at
17 least two thousand registered voters of Boston must
18 sign nomination papers, and for nomination of ward
19 councillors at least two hundred registered voters of
20 the ward in which nomination is sought must sign
21 nomination papers. All signers of nomination papers
22 must be enrolled members of the party whose nomina-
23 tion papers they sign or must be unenrolled in any
24 party, in order that their names may be certified on
25 said nomination papers.

1 SECTION 3. All provisions of law or statutes, incon-
2 sistent or in conflict with the above provisions for a par-
3 tisan municipal primary and election in the city of
4 Boston, are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 4. A referendum on adoption of this partisan
2 plan shall be submitted to the registered voters of Boston
3 on the state election ballot in nineteen hundred and
4 fifty-six.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect in the nineteen
2 hundred and fifty-seven Boston municipal election.