

HOUSE No. 2548

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 7, 1956.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill to provide that a referendum relative to the repeal of the PR system of voting in Plan E cities may be submitted to the registered voters of a city on the city election ballot or on the biennial state election ballot (House, No. 897), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 2548).

For the committee,

JOSEPH P. GRAHAM.

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT A REFERENDUM RELATIVE TO THE REPEAL OF THE PR SYSTEM OF VOTING IN PLAN E CITIES MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTERED VOTERS OF A CITY ON THE CITY ELECTION BALLOT OR ON THE BIENNIAL STATE ELECTION BALLOT.

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 661 of the acts of 1949 is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 3, as amended by section 1 of chap-
3 ter 118 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 3.* Upon petition of five per cent of the regis-
6 tered voters of any city, which has adopted the Plan E
7 form of city charter, filed with the city clerk or election
8 commissioners not later than sixty days before the regu-
9 lar city election, this act shall be submitted to the regis-
10 tered voters of said city at said election, or if such a
11 petition is filed with the state secretary not later than
12 sixty days before any biennial state election this act shall
13 be submitted to the registered voters of said city in the
14 form of the following question, which shall be placed on
15 the official ballot to be used in said city at such city or
16 biennial state election: — “Shall an act passed by the
17 General Court entitled ‘An Act providing for the nomi-
18 nation of members of the city council and the school
19 committee of Plan E cities by preliminary elections, and
20 providing for their election by ordinary plurality voting’,
21 be accepted?”

22 The petition shall be submitted to the registrars of
23 voters for the certification of the names thereon not later
24 than five o'clock post meridian of the seventh day pre-
25 ceding the day on which it must be filed with the city
26 clerk or the state secretary.