

HOUSE . . . No. 2566

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 8, 1956.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 139) of Edward L. Kerr relative to the wording on ballots when questions are submitted to voters at city and town elections, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2566).

For the committee,

CHARLES W. CAPRARO.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WORDING TO BE USED BY CITIES AND TOWNS IN PLACING PROVISIONS OF GENERAL LAWS ON THE BALLOT FOR ACCEPTANCE BY THE VOTERS THEREOF.

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 General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 58 of said chapter the fol-
3 lowing:—

4 *Section 58A.* Whenever any provision of the General
5 Laws, submitted for acceptance to the voters of a city
6 or town, is to be placed on the ballot at any election, the
7 city or town clerk shall place it on the ballot in the fol-
8 lowing form:—“Shall the provision of General Laws,
9 chapter , section , which law provides in sub-
10 stance the following: (a fair, concise summary and pur-
11 pose of the law to be acted upon as determined by the
12 city solicitor or town counsel as the case may be), be
13 accepted?” If a majority of the voters voting on said
14 question vote in the affirmative, then this law shall take
15 effect, but not otherwise.