

HOUSE No. 1574

By Mr. Como of Chicopee, petition of George R. Como for partisan municipal primaries and elections in the city of Chicopee. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PARTISAN MUNICIPAL PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF CHICOPEE.

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. Beginning with the year nineteen hundred and
2 fifty-nine, municipal elections in the city of Chicopee shall be
3 conducted on a partisan basis. The two leading political parties
4 shall hold a party primary on the third Tuesday preceding the
5 regular municipal election, and at said primary each party shall
6 place in nomination a candidate for each office to be filled at
7 said election. Each candidate shall be an enrolled member of
8 the party whose nomination he seeks, and shall file with his
9 nomination papers a certificate of party enrollment. Each can-
10 didate shall file nomination papers signed by at least fifty regis-
11 tered voters of said city who are enrolled members of the party
12 whose nomination he seeks or who are unenrolled in any party.
13 The provisions of general law relating to the conduct of primaries
14 and elections shall apply to a primary or election held under the
15 provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 2. So much of the charter and revised ordinances of
2 said city, and of the amendments thereof and additions thereto
3 as is inconsistent with this act, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the registered
2 voters of the city of Chicopee at the biennial state election to be

3 held in the current year in the form of the following question
 4 to be printed on the official ballot to be used at said election:
 5 "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen
 6 hundred and fifty-eight entitled 'An Act providing for partisan
 7 municipal primaries and elections in the city of Chicopee' be
 8 accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question
 9 is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take effect,
 10 but not otherwise.

In the Year the Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-eight

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Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in January (year assembled, and by the majority of the vote, in a session

Section 1. Beginning with the year nineteen hundred and
 2 fifty-eight municipal elections in the city of Chicopee shall be
 3 conducted on a partisan basis. The two best qualified persons
 4 shall hold a party primary on the third Tuesday preceding the
 5 regular municipal election, and at said primary each party shall
 6 place in nomination a candidate for each office to be filled at
 7 said election. Each candidate shall be an enrolled member of
 8 the party whose nomination he seeks, and shall file with his
 9 nomination papers a certificate of party enrollment. Such en-
 10 dorsement shall be nomination papers signed by at least fifty regis-
 11 tered voters of said city who are enrolled members of the party
 12 whose nomination he seeks or who are enrolled in any party.
 13 The provisions of general law relating to the conduct of primaries
 14 and elections shall apply to a primary or election held under the
 15 provisions of this act.

Section 2. No part of the charter and special ordinances of
 2 said city, and of the amendments thereto and additions thereto
 3 as is inconsistent with this act, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall be submitted to the registered
 2 voters of the city of Chicopee at the biennial state election to be