

HOUSE No. 2122

By Messrs. Marr of Lynn and Caples of Boston, petition of Charles H. McGlue and Richard R. Caples relative to the redistricting of the Commonwealth into senatorial districts during the current year. Rules (acting concurrently).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO REQUEST THE GREAT AND GENERAL COURT TO PROCEED WITH THE REDISTRICTING OF THE FORTY SENATORIAL DISTRICTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT.

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. The constitution of Massachusetts provides
2 that the forty senatorial districts of the commonwealth shall be
3 redistricted every ten years so as to have the new districts on the
4 ballot in the years ending in "nine".

1 SECTION 2. The nineteen hundred and fifty-eight session of
2 the legislature is the last opportunity provided so that there can
3 be conformity with the constitution of the commonwealth.
4 Accordingly, we request that the nineteen hundred and fifty-
5 eight legislature proceed to redistrict in accordance with the
6 constitution.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I. Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be Representative of this State unless he shall have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years shall have elapsed since the Emigration of the same Person from the Territory of which he shall have been an Inhabitant.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for the Term of six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Representatives of this State. Immediately after they shall be assembled in Consequence of the first Meeting of the State Legislatures, they shall be divided into three equal Classes, in each of which one shall have a Term of two Years, one of four Years, and one of six Years; and in each Class one Senator shall have a Term to expire at the End of the second, third, and fifth Years respectively.

Section 4. The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and Electors in each State, shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.