

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-five, there shall be elected three commissioners of the Taunton municipal lighting plant. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes for commissioner shall be elected for a term of three years, the candidate receiving the next largest number of votes for a term of two years, and the candidate receiving the next largest number of votes for a term of one year. At the annual city election in nineteen hundred and ninety-six and every year thereafter there shall be elected one commissioner for a term of three years.

A vacancy on the Taunton municipal lighting plant commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment of the city council and the remainder of the members of the commission until the next annual election, at which time such office shall be filled by election for the remainder of the unexpired term.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Taunton at the city election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three in the form of the following question, which shall be placed on the official ballot to be used for the election of city offices at said election:

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled 'An Act providing for staggered terms for members of the Taunton Municipal Light Plant Commission', be accepted?"

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative then this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved October 4, 1993.

## **Chapter 168. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR STAGGERED TERMS FOR MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAUNTON.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 4 of chapter 448 of the acts of 1909, as amended by section 2 of chapter 407 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the words "nine councilmen".

**SECTION 2.** Said section 4 of said chapter 448 is hereby further amended by adding the following three sentences:- In the year nineteen hundred and ninety-five there shall be elected nine councilmen. The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes for councilman shall be elected for a term of three years, the three candidates receiving the next largest number of votes for a term of two years, and the three candidates receiving the next largest number of votes for a term of one year. At the annual municipal election in nineteen hundred and ninety-six and every year thereafter, there shall be elected three councilmen for a term of three years.

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**SECTION 3.** This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Taunton at the city election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of city officers at said election:

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled 'An Act providing for staggered terms for members of the municipal council of the city of Taunton', be accepted?"

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative then the act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

**SECTION 4.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved October 4, 1993.

**Chapter 169. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF TAUNTON.**

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-five there shall be elected seven members to the planning board of the city of Taunton. The three candidates receiving the largest number of votes for planning board shall be elected for a term of three years; the two candidates receiving the next largest number of votes for a term of two years; and the two candidates receiving the next largest number of votes for a term of one year. At the annual election in nineteen hundred and ninety-six and every year thereafter, there shall be elected two members of said planning board for a term of three years, except that every third year thereafter three members shall be so elected.

A vacancy on said planning board occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled by appointment of the municipal council and the remainder of the members of said planning board until the next annual election, at which time such office shall be filled by election for the remainder of the unexpired term.

**SECTION 2.** Upon the qualification of the members of the planning board elected under the provisions of section one, the terms of present members of said board shall expire.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Taunton at the city election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three in the form of the following question, which shall be placed on the official ballot to be used for the election of city officers at said election:

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and ninety-three, entitled 'An Act providing for the election of the planning board in the city of Taunton', be accepted?"