

HOUSE No. 2409

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1959.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill to amend the town meeting act, so called, of the town of Dedham to provide for the filling of vacancies of town meeting members which occur between town meetings at which such members are elected (House, No. 1412), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 2409).

For the committee,

JAMES R. LAWTON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF CERTAIN VACANCIES OF
TOWN MEETING MEMBERS IN THE TOWN OF DEDHAM.

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 358 of the acts of 1926 is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 7 and inserting in place thereof the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 7.* Any vacancy in the full number of town meeting
5 members from any precinct, whether arising from a failure of
6 the registered voters thereof to elect, or from any other cause,
7 shall be filled until the next annual election by the selection by
8 the town clerk of the person who received the highest number
9 of votes as a defeated candidate for the office of town meeting
10 member in the preceding election in the precinct where the
11 vacancy occurs and the town clerk shall promptly notify such
12 person of his election as a town meeting member. If for any
13 reason such person cannot or does not accept such office, the
14 next highest in recorded vote of the defeated candidates in that
15 precinct shall be similarly selected.