

SENATE No. 208

To accompany the petition of William A. Graustein for legislation to abolish the board of election commissioners in the city of Boston, and to establish in said city a board of registrars of voters, and to define its powers and duties. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND ESTABLISHING IN SAID CITY A BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

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. There is hereby established in the city
2 of Boston a board of registrars of voters, which shall
3 have the same powers and duties as those of the
4 board of election commissioners in said city immedi-
5 ately prior to the effective date of this act.

1 SECTION 2. Said board of registrars of voters shall
2 consist of three members, one to be appointed by
3 the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, one
4 by the republican state committee and one by the
5 democratic state committee. Each member of said
6 board shall receive a salary of dollars. Of

7 the members of said board originally appointed under
8 authority of this act the member appointed by the
9 democratic state committee shall be appointed for
10 the term of one year, the member appointed by the
11 republican state committee shall be appointed for
12 the term of two years and the member appointed by
13 said chief justice shall be appointed for the term of
14 three years; and thereafter each member shall be
15 appointed for the term of three years. When the
16 office of a member of said board becomes vacant for
17 any reason, his successor shall be appointed in like
18 manner as in the case of the original appointment.
19 The member of the board appointed by said chief
20 justice shall at all times be chairman of the board.

1 SECTION 3. The board of election commissioners
2 of the city of Boston, as constituted immediately
3 prior to the effective date of this act, is hereby abol-
4 ished.