

HOUSE No. 2284

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Ernest A. Johnson of Worcester, for a House report of the committee on Cities, reference to the next annual session, on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 834) of Thomas S. Green relative to the referendum in Plan E cities on the question of providing for the nominations for certain officers therein by preliminary election and their election by ordinary plurality voting. February 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REFERENDUM IN PLAN E CITIES
ON THE QUESTION OF PROVIDING FOR THE NOMINATIONS
FOR CERTAIN OFFICERS THEREIN BY PRELIMINARY ELEC-
TION, AND THEIR ELECTION BY ORDINARY PLURALITY
VOTING.

*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. Chapter 66J of the acts of 1949 is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 3, as amended
3 by section 2 of chapter 281 of the acts of 1952, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 3.* Upon petition of five per cent of the
6 registered voters of any city, which has adopted the
7 Plan E form of city charter, filed with the city clerk
8 or election commissioners not later than sixty days
9 before the regular city election, this act shall be sub-

10 mitted for acceptance to the registered voters of said
11 city at said election in the form of the following ques-
12 tion, which shall be placed on the official ballot to be
13 used in said city at such city election: — “Shall an
14 act passed by the General Court entitled ‘An Act
15 providing for the nomination of members of the city
16 council and the school committee of Plan E cities
17 by preliminary elections, and providing for their elec-
18 tion by ordinary plurality voting’, be accepted?”

19 The petition shall be submitted to the registrars of
20 voters for the certification of the names thereon not
21 later than five o’clock postmeridian of the seventh
22 day preceding the day on which it must be filed with
23 the city clerk.

24 If this act is not accepted at said election, it shall be
25 again submitted for acceptance to the registered voters
26 of said city at a regular city election held not less than
27 four years after the election at which this act was
28 submitted to the voters and was not accepted by
29 them; provided, that a like petition for such submis-
30 sion has been filed with the city clerk or election com-
31 missioners in the manner aforesaid.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.