

HOUSE No. 2301

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 17, 1953.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, 1340) of Frederick C. Holland and another for legislation relative to the election and terms of office of the school committee of the city of Quincy, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2301).

For the committee,

CLIFTON H. BAKER.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION AND TERMS OF OFFICE
OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF QUINCY
AND RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES THEREIN.

*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 six elective members of the school
2 committee of the city of Quincy shall serve for four
3 years, notwithstanding any provision of chapter forty-
4 three of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of said
2 chapter forty-three, at the next regular municipal
3 election to be held in said city the term of office of
4 the three persons receiving the highest number of
5 votes for the office of school committeeman at said
6 election shall be four years, and the term of the other
7 three members elected shall be two years, and at
8 each biennial municipal election thereafter three mem-
9 bers shall be elected to serve for four years.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of
2 section thirty-six of chapter forty-three of the Gen-
3 eral Laws, if a member of the school committee of
4 the city of Quincy resigns, or if there is a vacancy in

5 said committee by reason of death, imprisonment or
6 any other cause, the committee shall, within fifteen
7 days thereafter, fill such vacancy by electing the per-
8 son, who at the last biennial election, received the
9 next highest vote to the last of the three persons
10 elected thereat to the committee; and on his refusal
11 to serve, other persons who were candidates for mem-
12 bership in said committee at said election and were
13 defeated shall be elected to fill such vacancy in the
14 order of the respective number of votes received by
15 such candidates at said election. The person so
16 elected shall serve for the balance of the unexpired
17 term of the person whom he succeeds.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted for accept-
2 ance to the registered voters of the city of Quincy at
3 its next regular municipal election in the form of the
4 following question, which shall be placed upon the
5 official ballot to be used at said election: — “Shall an
6 act passed by the General Court providing for the
7 election of three members of the School Committee
8 biennially for four-year terms and changing the
9 method of filling vacancies therein, be accepted?”.
10 If a majority of the votes in answer to said question
11 is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take
12 full effect; otherwise it shall be of no effect and the
13 members of the school committee elected at said elec-
14 tion shall serve for two years.

