

HOUSE No. 2794

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 11, 1953.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2728) of Edwin A. Seibel relative to the size and the method of election of the board of aldermen in the city of Holyoke, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2794).

For the committee,

WENDELL P. CHAMBERLAIN.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE METHOD
OF ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY
OF HOLYOKE.

*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 board of aldermen in the city of
2 Holyoke shall be composed of eleven members, one
3 from each ward and four from the city at large. At
4 the biennial municipal election to be held in the year
5 nineteen hundred and fifty-five and at every biennial
6 municipal election thereafter, the voters of the city at
7 large shall elect two aldermen at large and the voters
8 of each ward shall elect one alderman who shall be a
9 resident therein. The aldermen so elected shall hold
10 office for terms of two years beginning with the first
11 Monday in January following their election and until
12 their successors shall be elected and qualified. The
13 aldermen elected in the year nineteen hundred and
14 fifty-three shall continue to hold office until the
15 qualifications of their successors elected in accordance
16 with this section.

1 SECTION 2. So much of chapter four hundred and
2 thirty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred

3 and ninety-six and acts in amendment thereof and
4 in addition thereto, as is inconsistent with this act,
5 is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall be
2 submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of
3 the city of Holyoke at the biennial municipal election
4 in the current year in the form of the following ques-
5 tion, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to
6 be used at said election: "Shall an act passed by the
7 general court in the current year, providing for an
8 eleven member board of aldermen, of whom four shall
9 be elected by and from the qualified voters of the city,
10 and one from each ward, be elected by the quali-
11 fied voters of the city, be accepted?" If a majority
12 of the votes cast on said question are in the affirma-
13 tive, this act shall take effect forthwith for all purposes
14 connected with the biennial municipal election in the
15 year nineteen hundred and fifty-five and shall take
16 full effect beginning with said election; otherwise said
17 act shall be of no effect and void.

