
[Substituted by amendment by the Senate (Bisbee) for Senate Bill No. 104.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PARTY NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIVE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF NORTHAMPTON.

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. Primaries for the nomination of candidates of
2 political parties to be voted for at city elections shall be held
3 in the city of Northampton under the provisions of sections
4 twenty-three to forty A, inclusive, and fifty-eight to sixty-four,
5 inclusive, of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws, except
6 as hereinafter provided.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section
2 twenty-eight of said chapter fifty-three, city primaries shall
3 be held on the twenty-eighth day preceding biennial or special
4 city elections.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section sixty-
2 two of said chapter fifty-three, if a person nominated to be
3 voted for at a city primary dies before the day of the primary,
4 or withdraws his name from nomination, or is found ineligible,
5 and there is no other candidate for the party nomination for
6 the office, the vacancy may be filled by the city committee.
7 In cases of vacancies caused by withdrawal, nominations to
8 fill such vacancy shall be filed with the city clerk within
9 twenty-four week-day hours after the last day and hour for
10 such withdrawal, by a certificate filed by the chairman and
11 secretary of said committee. No vacancy caused by withdrawal
12 shall be filled before the withdrawal has been filed. If there

13 is a failure to make a nomination as a city primary by reason
14 of a tie vote, the vacancy shall be filled by the city committee
15 within seventy-two week-day hours, by the choice of one of
16 the candidates receiving the tie vote.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to
2 the voters of the city of Northampton at the biennial state
3 election in the current year in the form of the following
4 question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be
5 used in said city at said election: — “Shall an act passed by
6 the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-
7 four, entitled ‘An Act providing for party nominations for
8 elective municipal officers in the city of Northampton’, be ac-
9 cepted?” If a majority of the votes in answer to said question
10 is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take full effect,
11 but not otherwise.