

By Mr. Estabrook of Fitchburg, petition of Joseph A. Lowe, mayor, for legislation to provide for biennial municipal elections in the city of Fitchburg. Cities. Jan. 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act providing for Biennial Municipal Elections in the City of Fitchburg.

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. Beginning with the year nineteen
2 hundred and twenty-nine, municipal elections in
3 the city of Fitchburg for the choice of mayor, members
4 of the city council and members of the school com-
5 mittee shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next
6 following the first Monday in November in each
7 odd-numbered year.

1 SECTION 2. At the municipal election to be held
2 in said city in December in the year nineteen hundred
3 and twenty-eight, the mayor and members of the
4 city council elected at large shall be elected to serve
5 for one year from the first Monday in January fol-
6 lowing their election and until their successors are
7 qualified. At the biennial municipal election to be
8 held in said city in nineteen hundred and twenty-
9 nine and at every biennial municipal election there-

10 after, the mayor and all members of the city council
11 shall be elected to serve for two years from the first
12 Monday in January following their election and until
13 their successors are qualified.

1 SECTION 3. On the first Monday in January fol-
2 lowing a regular municipal election, or on the day
3 following when said first Monday is a holiday, at
4 ten o'clock in the forenoon, the mayor-elect and the
5 councillors-elect shall meet and be sworn to the faith-
6 ful discharge of their duties. The oath shall be ad-
7 ministered as provided in section seventeen of chapter
8 forty-three of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 4. Members of the school committee of
2 the said city, except members elected to fill vacancies,
3 elected in the years nineteen hundred and twenty-
4 seven and nineteen hundred and twenty-eight shall
5 continue to hold office until the qualification of their
6 successors who shall be elected at the biennial mu-
7 nicipal election in the year nineteen hundred and
8 thirty-one. Members of said school committee elected
9 in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine shall
10 continue to hold office until the qualification of their
11 successors who shall be elected at the biennial municipi-
12 pal election in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-
13 three. At the biennial municipal election in the year
14 nineteen hundred and thirty-one there shall be elected
15 four members of the school committee, one to serve
16 for two years and three to serve for four years from
17 the first Monday in January following their election
18 and until their successors are qualified, and thereafter
19 at every biennial municipal election three members
20 of the school committee shall be elected to serve for

21 four years from the first Monday in January following
22 their election and until their successors are qualified.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted to the
2 voters of the city of Fitchburg at the state election
3 in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-eight in the
4 form of the following question, which shall be printed
5 on the official ballot to be used at said election:—
6 “Shall an act passed by the general court in the year
7 nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, entitled ‘An
8 Act providing for biennial municipal elections in the
9 city of Fitchburg’ be accepted?” If a majority of
10 the voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative in
11 answer to said question, then this act shall take full
12 effect in said city, but not otherwise.

