

HOUSE No. 1167

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 29, 1928.

The committee on Bills in the third reading, to whom was referred the Bill providing for biennial municipal elections in the city of Chelsea and making certain other changes in the charter of said city (House, No. 1076), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1167).

For the committee,

THOMAS R. BATEMAN.

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

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

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 the
3 city of Chelsea for the choice of mayor, aldermen at
4 large, aldermen by wards and members of the school
5 committee shall take place biennially on the Tuesday
6 following the second Monday in December in each
7 odd numbered year, and there shall be no annual
8 municipal election in said city in the year nineteen
9 hundred and twenty-eight. The term of office of every
10 alderman at large, alderman by ward and elective
11 member of the school committee which would expire
12 on the first Monday in January nineteen hundred and
13 twenty-nine is hereby extended until the first Mon-
14 day in January nineteen hundred and thirty.

1 SECTION 2. All the aldermen at large and alder-
2 men by wards shall be elected to serve for two years
3 from the first Monday in January following each
4 biennial municipal election and until the qualification
5 of their successors. On the first Monday in January
6 following a biennial municipal election, or on the fol-

7 lowing day when said first Monday is a holiday, at
8 eight o'clock in the evening, the mayor-elect and
9 aldermen-elect shall meet and be sworn to the faithful
10 discharge of their duties. If the full number of mem-
11 bers of the board of aldermen shall not be elected or if
12 a vacancy occurs in said board at any time, the re-
13 maining members thereof shall declare a vacancy to
14 exist and fill the same for the unexpired term, from
15 among the registered voters qualified to be elected by
16 the people to the office in which the vacancy exists.

1 SECTION 3. At the biennial municipal election in
2 the year nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, two mem-
3 bers of the school committee shall be elected by and
4 from the registered voters of each ward, one for a term
5 of four years and one for a term of two years, and at
6 each biennial municipal election thereafter one mem-
7 ber of the school committee shall be elected as afore-
8 said for a term of four years. All members of such
9 committee shall serve until the qualification of their
10 successors.

1 SECTION 4. So much of chapter six hundred and
2 eighty of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, and
3 acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, as
4 is inconsistent herewith, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted for ac-
2 ceptance to the registered voters of the city of Chelsea
3 at the biennial state election in the current year in the
4 form of the following question, which shall be placed
5 upon the official ballot to be used in said city at said
6 election: "Shall an act passed by the general court in
7 the current year, entitled 'An Act providing for bi-

8 enial municipal elections in the city of Chelsea' be
9 accepted?" If a majority of the voters voting thereon
10 vote in the affirmative in answer to said question this
11 act shall thereupon take full effect, otherwise it shall
12 be of no effect.