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By Mr. Sisson of Pittsfield, petition of Kelton B. Miller for an amendment of the charter of the city of Pittsfield in respect to the inauguration of the city government and to meetings of the city council. Cities.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

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An Act relative to Meetings of the City Council in the  
City of Pittsfield.

*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. On the first Monday of January in  
2 the year succeeding each biennial municipal election  
3 in the city of Pittsfield, the mayor, aldermen and  
4 common councilmen-elect, shall meet in joint con-  
5 vention, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the city  
6 hall, when they shall be sworn to the faithful dis-  
7 charge of the duties of their respective offices. The  
8 city council shall then proceed to the election of city  
9 officers to fill vacancies, if any, and city officers to  
10 succeed city officers whose terms will expire on the  
11 first Monday of February then next ensuing.

1 SECTION 2. On the first Monday of January in  
2 each odd numbered year, the city council shall meet

3 in joint convention, at ten o'clock in the forenoon,  
4 at the city hall, to elect city officers to fill vacancies,  
5 if any, and city officers to succeed city officers whose  
6 terms will expire on the first Monday of February  
7 then next ensuing.

1 SECTION 3. The mayor shall call a joint conven-  
2 tion of the two branches of the city council when  
3 thereto requested in writing by a majority of the  
4 members of the joint body. If the mayor neglects  
5 or refuses to call such meeting, the majority of the  
6 joint body may call it.

1 SECTION 4. A written or printed notice stating  
2 the place, day and hour of all meetings of the city  
3 council in joint convention, signed by the mayor or  
4 by a majority of the members of the joint body, or,  
5 at his or their request, by the city clerk, shall be de-  
6 livered in hand to each member of the city council  
7 or left at his usual place of residence, at least  
8 twenty-four hours previous to the time of such meet-  
9 ing.

1 SECTION 5. When the mayor calls a special meet-  
2 ing of the city council or either branch thereof under  
3 the provisions of section nine of Part I of chapter  
4 seven hundred and thirty-two of the acts of the year  
5 nineteen hundred and eleven as last amended in sec-  
6 tion two of chapter one hundred sixty-one of the  
7 acts of the year nineteen hundred and twenty-seven,  
8 he shall cause a written or printed notice stating the  
9 place, day and hour thereof signed by himself or at  
10 his request by the city clerk, to be delivered in hand  
11 to each member of the board or boards to be con-

12 vened or left at his usual place of residence, at least  
13 twenty-four hours previous to the time of such meet-  
14 ing.

1 SECTION 6. In case of the absence of both the  
2 city clerk and the assistant city clerk at a meeting  
3 of the board of aldermen or of the city council in  
4 joint convention, the board of aldermen or the city  
5 council, as the case may be, may elect by ballot a  
6 temporary clerk who shall be sworn.

1 SECTION 7. The provisions of sections three, four  
2 and five of this act shall not apply to the joint con-  
3 ventions of the city council provided for in sections  
4 one and two herein; nor to concurrent action of the  
5 board of aldermen and of the common council pro-  
6 viding for a joint convention of the city council.

1 SECTION 8. No provision of special laws relative  
2 to the city of Pittsfield inconsistent with the pro-  
3 visions of this act shall apply to said city after the  
4 effective date hereof.

1 SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 acceptance during the current year by the mayor and  
3 city council of said city, but for the purpose of such  
4 acceptance, this act shall take effect upon its passage.

