

SENATE No. 589

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, August 6, 1935.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to which was referred the House Bill relative to the election of delegates to party conventions and the holding of certain elections following the redivision of cities into wards (House, No. 2192), reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "An Act making certain necessary changes in the election laws incident to the redivision of cities into wards" (Senate, No. 589), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

EDWARD H. NUTTING.

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

An Act making Certain Necessary Changes in the Election Laws incident to the Redivision of Cities into Wards.

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. Section fifty-four of chapter fifty-
2 three of the General Laws, as amended by section
3 twenty-one of chapter three hundred and ten of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-two, is hereby
5 further amended by inserting after the word "gov-
6 ernor" in the seventeenth line the following two new
7 sentences: —

8 At the second party primary following the redivi-
9 sion of a city into wards there shall be elected at least
10 one delegate from each ward and such additional dele-
11 gates from such city, if any, as would be elected from
12 the wards thereof if no such redivision had been made.
13 The state committee shall apportion the number of
14 said additional delegates by wards and notify the
15 state secretary of such apportionment on or before
16 the following March first.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter fifty-four of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out section four, as

3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 4.* For all elections and primaries held
6 prior to the second biennial party primary following
7 a redivision of a city into wards, and for the assess-
8 ment of taxes in the year following such a redivision,
9 the wards as existing previous to such redivision shall
10 continue, and for such purposes the election officers
11 shall be appointed and hold office, and voting lists
12 shall be prepared, and all other things required by
13 law shall be done, as if no such redivision had been
14 made; provided, that the city council of a city may,
15 for the purposes of any municipal primary or election
16 held prior to said biennial party primary, order that
17 the new wards shall be in effect and thereupon the
18 mayor of such city may make such adjustments in
19 the personnel and assignments of election officers as
20 may be necessary.

