

HOUSE No. 257

By Mr. Johnson of Brockton, petition of Adolph Johnson for continuance of the annual listing of men who have reached age seventy notwithstanding their exemption from poll taxes. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for the Annual Listing of Men Seventy Years of Age or Older.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 cause substantial inconvenience, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for im-
4 mediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 four of chapter fifty-one of
2 the General Laws, as amended by section one of
3 chapter three hundred and forty-five of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and thirty-five, is hereby further
5 amended by striking out the first paragraph and in-
6 serting in place thereof the following: —

7 The assessors, assistant assessors, or one or more
8 of them shall annually in January or February, visit
9 every building in their respective cities and towns,
10 and, after diligent inquiry, shall make true lists con-
11 taining, as nearly as they can ascertain, the name,

12 age, occupation, nationality if not a citizen of the
13 United States, and residence on January first in the
14 preceding year and in the current year, of every
15 male person twenty years of age or older, residing
16 in their respective cities and towns, liable to be
17 assessed for a poll tax, and of soldiers and sailors
18 exempted from the payment of a poll tax under sec-
19 tion five of chapter fifty-nine; and shall also make
20 true lists containing the same facts relative to every
21 woman twenty years of age or older and every man
22 seventy years of age or older residing in their respec-
23 tive cities and towns.

1 SECTION 2. The assessors shall make true lists
2 containing the same facts relative to every man
3 seventy years of age or older residing in their respec-
4 tive cities and towns on January first, nineteen hun-
5 dred and thirty-seven, and transmit the same forth-
6 with to the registrars of voters.