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By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas G. Wojtkowski that cities and towns be authorized to elect a board of appeals on zoning. Mercantile Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO ELECT A BOARD OF APPEALS ON ZONING.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 40A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 inserting after section 14 the following two sections:—

3 *Section 14A.* A city or town which accepts this section, in  
4 the manner provided by section fourteen B, may elect the  
5 members of the board of appeals at their regular annual elections.

6 *Section 14B.* Section fourteen A shall be submitted for  
7 acceptance to the registered voters at a regular city election if  
8 the city council so votes, and a town at an annual town election  
9 upon petition of fifty registered voters, substantially in the  
10 form of the following question, which shall be placed on the  
11 official ballot used for the election of officers at such city or  
12 town election:—“Shall the city (or town) vote to accept the  
13 provisions of section fourteen A of chapter forty A of the Gen-  
14 eral Laws, which authorize cities and towns to elect the members  
15 of the board of appeals at each regular election of officers at  
16 such city or town.”

17 If the majority of votes in answer to said question is in the  
18 affirmative, then said section shall thereupon take full effect  
19 in such city or town, but not otherwise.

