

HOUSE No. 3556

By Mr. Donovan of Chelsea, petition of John F. Donovan, Jr., relative to the filling of vacancies in the board of aldermen of the city of Chelsea. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF 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 Chapter 680 of the acts of 1911 is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 29 and inserting in place thereof the following sec-
3 tion:—

4 *Section 29.* If at any time a vacancy occurs in the board of
5 aldermen from any cause, the city clerk shall forthwith notify
6 the board of aldermen thereof; and within fifteen days after
7 such notification, the remaining aldermen shall choose, as alder-
8 man for the unexpired term, whichever of the defeated candi-
9 dates for the office of such alderman at the regular municipal
10 election at which city aldermen were elected for the term in
11 which the vacancy occurs, who are eligible and willing to serve,
12 received the highest number of votes at such election, or, if
13 there is no such defeated candidate eligible and willing to
14 serve, a registered voter of the city duly qualified to vote for
15 a candidate for the office of alderman which is then vacant.
16 If at a regular municipal election there is a failure to elect an
17 alderman or if a person elected alderman at such an election
18 resigns or dies before taking office, the city clerk shall, as
19 soon as conveniently may be after the remaining aldermen

20 elect take office, notify the board of aldermen of such failure
21 to elect, resignation or death; and within fifteen days after
22 such notification, the members thereof shall choose, as alder-
23 man for the unexpired term, whichever of the defeated candi-
24 dates for the office of alderman at such election, who are eligible
25 and willing to serve, received the highest number of votes at
26 such election, or, if there is no such defeated candidate eligible
27 and willing to serve, a registered voter of the city duly quali-
28 fied to vote for a candidate for the office of alderman.