

By Mr. Natsios of Holliston, petition of Andrew S. Natsios and other members of the House relative to the term of office of members of certain boards and commissions in towns. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF CERTAIN
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN TOWNS.

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 16 of chapter 39 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 56 of the acts of 1950, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out, in line 9, the word "three" and
4 inserting in place thereof the word: — five.

1 SECTION 2. Section 8C of chapter 40 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the seventh, eighth and ninth
3 sentences, as appearing in chapter 223 of the acts of 1957, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: — The com-
5 mission shall consist of as many members as the city or town may
6 determine and each member shall be appointed for a term of years
7 not to exceed five years as may be determined by said city or town.
8 In cities the members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to
9 the provisions of the city charter, except that in cities having or
10 operating under a Plan D or Plan E form of city charter, said
11 appointments shall be by the city manager, subject to the provi-
12 sions of the charter; and in towns they shall be appointed by the
13 selectmen, excepting towns having a manager form of government,
14 in which towns appointments shall be made by the town manager,
15 subject to the approval of the selectmen.

1 SECTION 3. Section 8D of said chapter 40 is hereby amended
2 by striking out the sixth, seventh and eighth sentences, as appear-

3 ing in chapter 697 of the acts of 1963, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following two sentences: — The commission shall consist of as
5 many members as the city or town may determine and each
6 member shall be appointed for a term of years not to exceed five
7 years as may be determined by said city or town. In cities the
8 members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the provisions
9 of the city charter, except that in cities having a city manager form
10 of government, said appointments shall be by the city manager,
11 subject to the provisions of the charter; and in towns they shall be
12 appointed by the selectmen, excepting towns having a town man-
13 ager form of government, in which towns appointments shall be
14 made by the town manager, subject to the approval of the select-
15 men.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out sec-
3 tion 22 and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 SECTION 22. Each officer appointed by authority of a vote
5 under the preceding section shall be appointed for a term of years
6 not to exceed five years as may be determined by the selectmen.
7 Officers so appointed shall receive such salary as the selectmen may
8 determine, subject to the appropriations of the town therefor; and
9 any vacancies existing in any of said offices under the supervision
10 and control of the selectmen shall be filled in the manner of an
11 original appointment.

1 SECTION 5. Section 69A of said chapter 41, inserted by sec-
2 tion 4 of chapter 172 of the acts of 1938, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in place
4 thereof the following two sentences: — Any town establishing a
5 water supply or water distributing system under authority of sec-
6 tion thirty-nine of chapter forty may establish a board of water
7 commissioners, consisting of as many members as the town may
8 determine, or may authorize the selectmen to act as such. Such
9 commissioners shall, in the first instance, be elected by ballot to
10 hold office for a term of years not to exceed five years as may be
11 determined by said town.

1 SECTION 6. Section 69D of said chapter 41, inserted by sec-
2 tion 1 of chapter 101 of the acts of 1953, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in place
4 thereof the following two sentences: — Any town which has ac-
5 cepted the provisions of sections sixty-nine C to sixty-nine F,
6 inclusive, shall elect a board of public works, hereinafter called the
7 board. The board shall consist of as many members as may be
8 determined by the town and each member shall be elected for a
9 term of years not to exceed five years as the town may determine.

1 SECTION 7. Section 10 of chapter 78 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in place
4 thereof the following two sentences: — A town which raises or
5 appropriates money for the support of a free public library and
6 reading room owned by the town, shall, unless the same has been
7 acquired entirely or in part through some gift or bequest which
8 contains other conditions or provisions for the election of its
9 trustees, or for its care and management, which have been accepted
10 by the town, elect by ballot at a meeting a board of trustees
11 consisting of as many persons, male or female, as the town deter-
12 mines to elect. Each member of said board of trustees shall be
13 elected for a term of years not to exceed five years as may be
14 determined by said town.

By the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Conference with the Senate, February 1, 1904.

The Government of the Philippines

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four

ATTEST: I have read the foregoing report of the Committee on the Philippines, and I certify that it contains the substance of the testimony taken before them in relation to the subject of the Government of the Philippines.

Very truly yours,
Speaker of the House of Representatives

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