

HOUSE No. 564

Bill accompanying the petition of James A. Bailey, Jr., that provision be made for moderators pro tempore of town meetings in certain instances. Towns. January 13.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Appointment of Moderators pro tempore to serve at Elections for Town Officers.

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. In a town in which a moderator who has
2 been elected for the term of one year is a candidate for
3 re-election, or in a town in which a moderator is to be
4 chosen for the first time for the term of one year, the
5 selectmen or a majority thereof, shall before the annual
6 town election at which a moderator is to be a candidate
7 for re-election as aforesaid, or at which a moderator for
8 the term of one year is first to be chosen as aforesaid,
9 appoint a moderator pro tempore who shall be some per-
10 son other than a candidate at such town election. Such
11 moderator pro tempore shall have all the powers of a
12 moderator, and shall serve as a presiding election officer

13 at the polls for the election of town officers and at the
 14 counting of the ballots, and shall preside at the town
 15 meeting until a permanent moderator shall have been
 16 chosen and qualified. He shall receive the same compen-
 17 sation as other election officers.

1 SECTION 2. So much of section three hundred and
 2 ninety-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
 3 and thirteen, and the acts in amendment thereof or in
 4 addition thereto as is inconsistent herewith is hereby
 5 repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

