

HOUSE No. 520

Bill accompanying the petition of Henry F. Sawtelle, mayor of the city of Leominster, relative to the drawing of jurors in cities. Legal Affairs. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

Relative to the Drawing of Jurors in Cities.

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 eighteen of chapter one hundred and seventy-
2 six of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out the said section and substituting the following:—
4 *Section 18.* When jurors are to be drawn in a city, the
5 mayor and city clerk shall meet in the mayor's office or
6 the clerk's office. The ballots in the jury box shall be
7 shaken and mixed, and the mayor shall, without seeing
8 the names written thereon, openly draw a number of
9 ballots equal to the number of jurors required. The
10 mayor shall announce the names upon the ballots, and
11 shall then hand such ballots to the city clerk who shall
12 return the same to the jury box, after making the en-
13 dorsements thereon required before the names so drawn

14 shall be recorded as part of the proceedings, and shall be
15 published if and when the proceedings are published offi-
16 cially. In the absence of either the mayor or the city
17 clerk, the chairman or president of the board of aldermen
18 or of the single legislative board shall perform the duties
19 required of the mayor or city clerk by the provisions
20 of this section.



