

HOUSE No. 1254

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 25, 1921.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 549) of Richard D. Crockwell relative to providing for the biennial election of members of the board of aldermen and school committee in the city of Medford, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

RICHARD D. CROCKWELL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-One.

AN ACT

Providing for Biennial Municipal Elections in the City of
Medford.

*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. Beginning with the second Tuesday of
2 December in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two,
3 municipal elections in the city of Medford, for the
4 choosing of the mayor, board of aldermen and members
5 of the school committee and such other city officers as
6 may be determined by law shall be held biennially, on
7 the second Tuesday of December in each alternate year.

1 SECTION 2. The terms of the mayor and aldermen of
2 said city shall be for two years and until their successors
3 are duly elected and qualified in their stead. The in-
4 auguration meeting shall be held at eight o'clock P.M.,
5 on the first Monday of January in the calendar year
6 following the election of its members: *provided, however,*
7 that if the first Monday of January falls on a holiday,
8 the said meeting shall take place at the same time on the
9 following day.

1 SECTION 3. At the municipal election to be held in the
2 year nineteen hundred and twenty-one, one member of
3 the school committee shall be chosen by the voters of
4 the city for the term of three years, one member of said
5 committee by the voters of ward three and one member
6 of said committee by the voters of ward four, for terms
7 of three years each, said terms to end in nineteen hun-
8 dred and twenty-four. At the biennial municipal election
9 to be held in nineteen hundred and twenty-two, one
10 member of said committee shall be chosen by the voters
11 of ward one, one by the voters of ward two and one by
12 the voters of ward six, for the term of four years each,
13 said terms to end in nineteen hundred and twenty-six.
14 The members of the school committee whose terms of
15 office expire in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-
16 three shall continue to hold office until the election and
17 qualification of their successors, who shall be elected at
18 the biennial election in the year nineteen hundred and
19 twenty-four for the terms of four years; at the municipal
20 election in nineteen hundred and twenty-four and there-
21 after, members of the school committee elected at large
22 shall be chosen by the voters of the city for the terms of
23 four years and members elected from wards for terms of
24 four years. The school committee shall consist of three
25 members at large and seven members from wards, one
26 from each ward.

1 SECTION 4. The provisions of chapter three hundred
2 and forty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and three
3 inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall be submitted to the voters
2 of the city of Medford for their acceptance at the municipi-
3 pal election in the current year in the form of the follow-

4 ing question to be printed on the official ballot: "Shall
5 an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen
6 hundred and twenty-one entitled 'An Act providing for
7 biennial municipal elections in the city of Medford' be
8 accepted?" If a majority of the voters, voting thereon,
9 vote in the affirmative in answer to said question, then
10 this act shall take effect in said city, otherwise it shall
11 not take effect.