

By Mr. Adlow of Boston, petition of Elijah Adlow relative to the annexation of the cities of Chelsea and Revere and the town of Winthrop, or any of them, to the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. Dec. 26, 1923.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

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

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An Act to annex the Cities of Chelsea and Revere and the Town of Winthrop to the City of Boston.

*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. The territory now comprised within  
2 the limits of the cities of Chelsea and Revere and  
3 the town of Winthrop, with the inhabitants and  
4 estates therein, is hereby annexed to and made part  
5 of the city of Boston, and shall continue to con-  
6 stitute a part of the county of Suffolk, subject to the  
7 same municipal regulations, obligations and liabili-  
8 ties, and entitled to the same immunities in all  
9 respects as the city of Boston: provided, however,  
10 that until constitutionally and legally changed, said  
11 territory shall continue to be, for the purpose of  
12 electing members of the house of representatives,  
13 the twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-third and twenty-  
14 seventh Suffolk representative districts; for the  
15 purpose of electing a senator, part of the first Suf-  
16 folk senatorial district; for the purpose of electing  
17 a councillor, part of the fourth councillor district;  
18 and for the purpose of electing a representative in

19 congress, part of the congressional district, number  
20 nine, all as the same are now constituted.

1 SECTION 2. So much of the territory now com-  
2 prised within the limits of the city of Chelsea as  
3 now constitutes the fourth and fifth wards thereof,  
4 together with so much of the territory now com-  
5 prised within the limits of the city of Revere as now  
6 constitutes the fourth ward thereof, shall constitute  
7 a ward of the city of Boston to be called ward  
8 twenty-seven; the territory now comprised within  
9 the limits of the town of Winthrop shall constitute  
10 a ward of the city of Boston to be called ward  
11 twenty-eight; so much of the territory comprised  
12 within the limits of the city of Chelsea as now con-  
13 stitutes the first, second and third wards thereof  
14 shall constitute a ward of the city of Boston to be  
15 called ward twenty-nine; and so much of the terri-  
16 tory now comprised within the limits of the city of  
17 Revere as now constitutes the first, second, third  
18 and fifth wards thereof shall constitute a ward of  
19 the city of Boston to be called ward thirty; and  
20 each of the wards so established shall be entitled  
21 to all the municipal and election officers to which  
22 each of the other wards of the city of Boston is  
23 entitled; provided, that the municipal and election  
24 officers of the territory comprised in the wards  
25 so established shall continue to hold their offices and  
26 perform their duties until new municipal and elec-  
27 tion officers are chosen in the manner provided by  
28 law for such wards.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of law relative to list-  
2 ing and registration of voters, to caucuses, prima-

3 ries and elections, and all laws relating thereto now  
4 in force in the city of Boston shall apply to and be  
5 in force in the territory of the cities of Chelsea  
6 and Revere and the town of Winthrop, and to the  
7 inhabitants thereof, annexed to the city of Boston;  
8 except that for any special election in said terri-  
9 tory prior to the completion of voting lists under  
10 section four, it shall be the duty of the present  
11 city and town officers of the cities of Chelsea and  
12 Revere and of the town of Winthrop to transfer  
13 to the board of election commissioners of Boston,  
14 immediately after this act takes effect, their records  
15 relative to assessments and registration of voters  
16 and the voting lists used at the state election; and  
17 the election commissioners shall, for the purpose of  
18 conducting any such special election in said terri-  
19 tory, use at the polls the voting lists used in said  
20 cities and town at the state election, and shall pre-  
21 pare supplementary voting lists of such names as  
22 may be added in accordance with law. Such supple-  
23 mentary registration and voting lists shall, for the  
24 said election in the said territory, be prepared from  
25 the assessors' lists of said cities and said town for  
26 the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and the  
27 voting lists for the said election in the said terri-  
28 tory shall be prepared in accordance with the laws  
29 now provided for the preparation of voting lists.

1 SECTION 4. The board of election commissioners  
2 of the city of Boston shall, between the first day of  
3 July and the first day of October in the year nine-  
4 teen hundred and twenty-five, make a new general  
5 registration of the qualified voters of the territory  
6 heretofore constituting the cities of Chelsea and

7 Revere and the town of Winthrop and by this act  
8 annexed to the city of Boston, which shall be pre-  
9 pared in the manner now fixed by law for preparing  
10 general registers in Boston. Changes may be made  
11 therein on account of illegal registration, and in the  
12 year in which it is made the law relating to general  
13 registration of voters shall be applicable thereto,  
14 and the annual registers and voting lists of said  
15 territory shall be prepared therefrom in the manner  
16 provided by law for preparing annual registers and  
17 voting lists in cities. The places and hours for such  
18 registration shall be determined by the board of  
19 election commissioners of Boston, and for this pur-  
20 pose said board may appoint, in a manner which will  
21 provide equal representation for the two leading  
22 political parties, such additional assistant regis-  
23 trars as in its judgment may be necessary.

1 SECTION 5. All the public property of the cities  
2 of Chelsea and Revere and of the town of Winthrop  
3 shall be vested in and is hereby declared to be the  
4 property of the city of Boston, and the city of Bos-  
5 ton shall succeed to all the rights, claims, causes  
6 of action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses,  
7 trusts, duties, privileges and immunities of the cities  
8 of Chelsea and Revere and of the town of Winthrop.  
9 The city treasurers of the cities of Chelsea and  
10 Revere and the town treasurer of the town of  
11 Winthrop shall each, on or before the second  
12 Wednesday of January, in the year nineteen hun-  
13 dred and twenty-five, under the direction of the  
14 mayor and city council or the selectmen of his  
15 respective city or town, who shall for this purpose  
16 and for all other purposes necessary to carry into

17 effect the provisions of this act, continue to hold  
18 their respective offices, transfer, deliver, pay over  
19 and account for, to the city treasurer of the city  
20 of Boston all books, papers, moneys and other  
21 property in his possession as city treasurer or town  
22 treasurer when this act takes effect; and the city  
23 of Boston shall become liable for and subject to all  
24 the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities and  
25 liabilities of the said cities and town. All actions  
26 and causes of action which may be pending or which  
27 shall have accrued at the time when this act takes  
28 effect in behalf of or against the city of Chelsea,  
29 the city of Revere or the town of Winthrop shall  
30 survive and may be prosecuted to final judgment  
31 and execution in behalf of or against the city of  
32 Boston.

1 SECTION 6. After this act takes effect, the district  
2 court of Chelsea shall continue to have the same  
3 jurisdiction within the territory formerly the cities  
4 of Chelsea and Revere, and the East Boston dis-  
5 trict court shall continue to have the same juris-  
6 diction within the territory formerly the town of  
7 Winthrop, as said courts had within said cities and  
8 town theretofore; and each of said courts shall  
9 have and retain jurisdiction of all actions, proceed-  
10 ings and matters, civil and criminal, that shall have  
11 rightfully been begun before it before this act takes  
12 effect. All suits, proceedings, complaints and  
13 prosecutions, and all matters of probate and in-  
14 solvency, which shall be pending within said terri-  
15 tory before any court when this act takes effect  
16 shall be heard and determined as if this act had not  
17 been enacted. All of said territory shall also be

18 added to and constitute a part of the judicial dis-  
 19 trict of the municipal court of the city of Boston,  
 20 and said court shall have the same civil jurisdic-  
 21 tion in said territory which it now has in its present  
 22 district.

1 SECTION 7. The several police officers and fire-  
 2 men in office in the cities of Chelsea and Revere and  
 3 the town of Winthrop when this act takes effect  
 4 shall thereafter continue in the discharge of their  
 5 respective duties, until successors are appointed in  
 6 their stead. The members of the regular and per-  
 7 manent police and fire department of said cities and  
 8 town when this act takes effect shall become in their  
 9 respective grades members of the police and fire  
 10 departments of the city of Boston, and shall be  
 11 within the classified civil service of the common-  
 12 wealth.

1 SECTION 8. So much of this act as authorizes and  
 2 directs its submission to the legal voters of said  
 3 cities and town shall take effect upon its passage.

1 SECTION 9. This act shall be submitted to the  
 2 voters of the cities of Boston, Chelsea and Revere  
 3 and of the town of Winthrop at the state election  
 4 in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four in the  
 5 form of the following question to be placed upon the  
 6 official ballot: " Shall an act passed by the General  
 7 Court in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four  
 8 entitled 'An act to annex the cities of  
 9 Chelsea and Revere and the town of  
 10 Winthrop to the city of Boston', be  
 11 accepted?" If a majority of the votes cast on said

YES.	
NO.	

12 question in each of such cities and in said town are  
13 in the affirmative, this act shall, except as provided  
14 in section eight, take effect as of the first Monday  
15 of January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five.

