

HOUSE No. 734

By Mr. Jewett of Lowell, petition of Sinclair Weeks, mayor of the city of Newton, and another relative to the nomination and election of the mayor, aldermen and members of the school committee of said city. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

An Act relative to the Nomination and Election of Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the School Committee in the City of Newton, and for the Repeal of Preferential Voting.

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 mode of nomination and election
2 of all city officers elected by the voters of the city of
3 Newton, after acceptance of the provisions of this
4 act in the manner herein provided, shall be as here-
5 inafter set forth.

1 SECTION 2. Candidates for city offices to be elected
2 shall be nominated only by nomination papers in
3 accordance with the provisions of chapter fifty-three
4 of the General Laws, as amended; provided, that
5 nomination papers for the office of mayor shall be
6 signed by at least fifteen hundred voters, for mem-
7 bers of the school committee and for aldermen at

8 large by at least ten hundred and fifty voters, not
9 less than one hundred and fifty to be from each of the
10 seven wards, and for aldermen by wards by at least
11 one hundred and fifty voters of the ward in which
12 the election is to be held.

1 SECTION 3. No ballot shall have printed thereon
2 any party or political designation or mark and there
3 shall not be appended to the name of any candidate
4 any such party or political designation, mark or any-
5 thing indicating his views or opinions: provided,
6 however, that every nomination paper may state, in
7 not more than eight words, the public offices which a
8 candidate holds or has held, and, if he is an elected
9 incumbent of an office for which he seeks re-election,
10 that he is a candidate for such re-election; and pro-
11 vided, further, that against the name of any such
12 candidate there shall be printed on the official ballot
13 for the election the statement contained in the
14 nomination paper placing him in nomination.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted to the
2 voters of the city of Newton at the next state election
3 in the form of the following question on the official
4 ballot: — “Shall an act passed by the general court
5 in nineteen hundred and thirty, relative to the nom-
6 ination and election of mayor, aldermen and mem-
7 bers of the school committee in the city of Newton,
8 be accepted?” And if a majority of the votes cast
9 thereon are in the affirmative, this act shall take full
10 effect for the regular municipal election in said city
11 on December eighth, nineteen hundred and thirty-
12 one, otherwise it shall be void.

1 SECTION 5. It shall be the duty of the city clerk
2 and of other city officials to carry out the provisions
3 of this act relating to elections, to the end that all
4 things may be done necessary for the election of the
5 officers next to be elected under the provisions thereof.
6 All laws, ordinances and regulations in force in
7 said city when this act takes effect therein, not incon-
8 sistent with its provisions, shall continue in full
9 force and effect until otherwise provided by law,
10 ordinance or vote: provided, that no primaries shall
11 be held for the nomination of candidates for the city
12 election; and provided, further, that the provisions
13 of chapter two hundred and sixty-one, Special Acts of
14 nineteen hundred and sixteen, as amended, be and
15 are hereby repealed.

The first thing I did was to
 go to the office and see
 what was going on. I found
 everything in a state of
 confusion. The books were
 all mixed up and I had
 to go through them one
 by one. I found that
 many of the entries were
 incorrect and I had to
 correct them. I also
 found that some of the
 accounts were not
 properly balanced and
 I had to do that too.
 It was a very tedious
 task but I had to do
 it. I finished it in
 about a week. I then
 went to the bank and
 saw the cashier. I
 told him what I had
 done and he was
 very pleased. He
 said that I had done
 a very good job and
 that the books were
 now in a state of
 order. I was
 very glad to hear
 that. I then went
 home and wrote
 a letter to my
 father. I told him
 what I had done
 and how I had
 enjoyed it. He
 was very proud
 of me and
 said that I
 was a very
 good boy. I
 was very
 happy to hear
 that. I then
 went to bed
 and fell
 asleep.