

HOUSE No. 270.

[Bill accompanying petition of George A. Barry.] [Election Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

AN ACT

Providing for holding the Annual City Election in the City of Boston on the Same Day as the Annual State Election.

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 annual city election in the city of
2 Boston shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first
3 Monday in November in each year. Said day shall,
4 within the limits of said city, be a legal public holiday
5 and the provisions of section eight of chapter seventy-
6 seven of the Public Statutes shall apply thereto in the
7 same manner as to christmas day, thanksgiving day and
8 the other days named therein.

1 SECT. 2. The existing provisions of law as to regis-
2 tration of voters shall not be affected by this act, except
3 that so much of section thirty-seven of chapter four hun-
4 dred and seventeen of the acts of the year eighteen hun-

5 dred and ninety-three, as relates to registration between
6 the date of the annual state election and the date of the
7 annual city election, shall not apply to the city of Boston.

1 SECT. 3. In the preparation of the voting lists for the
2 election to be held in Boston on the Tuesday next after
3 the first Monday in November, the registrars shall, at the
4 end of the voting list of each voting precinct, place
5 together under a proper heading the names of all persons
6 who are entitled to vote for state officers but are not en-
7 titled to vote for city officers at such election, by reason
8 of lack of the requisite period of residence or for other
9 cause. The voting lists to be used at such election shall
10 be posted twenty-four days at least before said election.

1 SECT. 4. Two ballot-boxes shall be provided for each
2 polling place in said city for use at said election, one to
3 receive votes for city officers and one to receive votes for
4 the officers who may by law be voted for at a state elec-
5 tion. The ballot-box to be used for receiving votes for
6 city officers shall be conspicuously marked with the word
7 "city," in black letters not less than one inch in height
8 upon a [white label, and the ballot-box to be used for
9 receiving votes for the officers who may be voted for at a
10 state election shall be similarly marked with the word
11 "state."

1 SECT. 5. The ballot for city officers shall be separate
2 from the ballot for the officers who may by law be voted
3 for at a state election, and all ballots shall be prepared
4 and furnished as now provided by law. The official en-
5 dorsement on the outside of the ballots shall contain, in
6 the case of the ballot for city officers, the word "city,"
7 in letters not less than one-half inch in height, and the
8 official endorsement on the outside of the other ballot
9 shall contain the word "state" in letters of similar size.

1 SECT. 6. A voter at such election on entering the
2 guard-rail shall receive from the ballot clerk in charge of
3 the ballots both kinds of ballots, or only one kind accord-
4 ing as he is shown by the voting list to be entitled to
5 vote for both state and city officers or only for state
6 officers; and a mark shall be made upon the voting list
7 kept by the ballot clerks showing whether the voter has
8 received ballots of both kinds or only of one kind. In
9 like manner a mark shall be made upon the list used for
10 checking the names of persons who have voted, so as to
11 show whether a voter deposited ballots of both kinds or
12 only of one kind, and in the latter case, showing which
13 kind he deposited. In sealing up the ballots cast the
14 different kinds of ballots shall be placed in separate
15 envelopes. The term "state officers," as used in this
16 section, shall mean officers who may by law be voted for
17 at a state election.

1 SECT. 7. This act shall not be deemed to alter the
2 time of commencement or the time of expiration of the
3 term of office of any city officer. References in existing
4 law to the annual city election in the city of Boston shall
5 be deemed to apply to said election as held on the Tues-
6 day next after the first Monday in November, under the
7 provisions of this act.

1 SECT. 8. Election officers in the city of Boston shall
2 receive for their services at the election held on the Tues-
3 day next after the first Monday in November, the follow-
4 ing compensation: — the warden, dollars; the
5 clerk, dollars; the inspectors detailed to do duty
6 as ballot clerks, each, dollars; the other inspect-
7 ors, each, dollars.

1 SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

