

SENATE . . . . . No. 141.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, March 17, 1896.

The committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the petition of Francis H. Appleton, of State Board of Agriculture for legislation relative to the tenure of office of members of said Board, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

PERCIVAL BLODGETT.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

Relative to the Tenure of Office of Members of the  
State Board of Agriculture.

*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 two of chapter twenty of the Public  
2 Statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the  
3 second line, the words "first Wednesday of Feb-  
4 ruary," and inserting in place thereof the words:  
5 "second Wednesday in January," and insert after  
6 the word "terms" in the ninth line, the words  
7 "the terms of the appointed members of said  
8 board, whose terms would expire on the first  
9 Wednesday of February, eighteen hundred and  
10 ninety-seven, shall expire on the second Wednes-  
11 day of January in said year;" so as to read as  
12 follows: — *Section 2.* One-third of the appointed  
13 members of said board shall retire from office on  
14 the second Wednesday of January in each year,  
15 according to their appointments.

16 The vacancies thus occurring shall be filled by  
17 the governor and council, or by the agricultural  
18 societies, as the offices were before filled, and the  
19 persons thus appointed shall hold their offices for  
20 three years from the expiration of the former  
21 terms. Other vacancies may be filled in the same  
22 manner for the remainder of the vacant terms.

23 The terms of the appointed members of said  
24 board whose terms would expire on the first  
25 Wednesday of February, eighteen hundred and  
26 ninety-seven, shall expire on the second Wednes-  
27 day of January in said year.

