

HOUSE No. 938.

[Bill accompanying the petition of John J. Sweeney and others for legislation to provide for the annexation of the town of Revere to the city of Boston. Towns. Feb. 5]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To unite the City of Boston and the Town of Revere.

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. All the territory now comprised
2 within the limits of the town of Revere, in the
3 county of Suffolk, with the inhabitants and the
4 states therein, is annexed to and made part of the
5 city of Boston, in said county of Suffolk, subject
6 to the same municipal regulations, obligations
7 and liabilities, and entitled to the same immunities
8 in all respects as the said city of Boston: *pro-*
9 *vided, however,* that until constitutionally and
10 legally changed, said territory shall continue to
11 be, for the purpose of electing members of the

12 house of representatives, a portion of the twenty-
13 eighth Suffolk representative district; for the pur-
14 pose of electing a senator, part of the first Suffolk
15 senatorial district; for the purpose of electing a
16 councillor, part of the third council district; and
17 for the purpose of electing representative in
18 congress, said territory shall continue to be part
19 of congressional district number seven, as the
20 same is now constituted.

21 All the duties now required by law to be per-
22 formed by the selectmen and town clerk of said
23 town, or either of them, pertaining to the election
24 of representatives in congress, state councillors,
25 for senators and members for the house of repre-
26 sentatives shall in like manner devolve upon and
27 be performed by the board of aldermen and the
28 clerk of said city.

29 It shall be the duty of the election officers of
30 the ward erected out of said territory, as herein-
31 after provided, to make to the said clerk of said
32 city a return of all votes that may be cast therein
33 from time to time for representatives in congress,
34 state councillors, senators, members of the house
35 of representatives and for all other national, state,
36 district, county and municipal officers.

1 SECTION 2. All the public property of said
2 town shall be vested in and is declared to be the
3 property of said city, and said city shall succeed
4 to all the rights, claims, causes of action, rights
5 to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts, duties,
6 privileges and immunities of said town.

7 The town treasurer of the said town, on or
8 before the second Monday of January in the year
9 nineteen hundred and two, under the direction
10 of the selectmen of said town, who shall for this
11 purpose and for all other purposes necessary to
12 carry into full effect the provisions of this act
13 continue to hold their offices, transfer, deliver,
14 pay over and account for to the said treasurer of
15 the said city all books, papers, moneys and other
16 property in his possession as town treasurer of
17 said town when this act takes effect, and the said
18 city shall become liable for and subject to all
19 debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities and
20 liabilities of said town.

21 All actions and causes of action which may be
22 pending or which shall have accrued at the time
23 this act takes effect in behalf of or against said
24 town shall survive and may be prosecuted to final
25 judgment and execution in behalf of or against
26 said city.

1 SECTION 3. The several courts within the
2 county of Suffolk shall continue to have the same
3 jurisdiction over all causes of action and proceed-
4 ings in civil and criminal causes arising in said
5 territory that said courts now have.

1 SECTION 4. The said territory shall constitute
2 a ward of the city of Boston, to be called ward
3 twenty-six, and shall so remain until the altera-
4 tion of the ward limits of the city of Boston pro-
5 vided by law, and the ward so established shall

6 be entitled to all the municipal ward officers to
7 which each of the other wards of said city is
8 entitled.

9 Said ward twenty-six shall constitute a part of
10 the first aldermanic district of said city, together
11 with wards one and two of said city and said dis-
12 trict shall be entitled to two representatives in
13 the board of aldermen of said city.

1 SECTION 5. If this act shall be accepted as
2 hereinafter provided said territory shall, after the
3 eighth day of November in the year nineteen
4 hundred and one, constitute a ward of said city,
5 to be called ward twenty-six, for all the purposes
6 mentioned in this section, and the board of alder-
7 men of said city shall in due season issue their
8 warrant for a meeting of the legal voters of said
9 ward to be held on the Tuesday following the
10 second Monday of December in the year nineteen
11 hundred and one, at such place or places within
12 said ward as shall be designated in said warrant,
13 there first to give in their ballots for the several
14 municipal officers for the year nineteen hundred
15 and two for which they will be entitled to vote by
16 virtue of the provisions of this act and second
17 to vote upon the question whether intoxicating
18 liquors shall be sold in said city for the next
19 municipal year.

20 The registrars of voters of said city shall pre-
21 pare lists for all the legal voters in said ward to
22 be used at said meeting, and shall do all other
23 things which they are now by law required to do

24 in respect to like elections in other wards of said
25 city, and the election commissioners of said city
26 shall appoint election officers for said ward the
27 same as is now by law required to be done in
28 respect to other wards of said city, and said elec-
29 tion officers shall be qualified according to law.

30 The citizens of said territory shall have the
31 same right to vote for municipal officers at the
32 annual municipal election in said city in the year
33 nineteen hundred and one as they would have had
34 if said territory had formed part of said city more
35 than six months next before said election.

1 SECTION 6. The several police officers, watch-
2 men, fire engineers and firemen in force in said
3 town when this act shall take effect shall there-
4 after continue in the discharge of their respective
5 duties in the same manner as if they were
6 police officers, watchmen, fire engineers and fire-
7 men of the city of Boston, and shall belong to
8 and be a part of the several departments now
9 having charge of those respective duties.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall not take full
2 effect unless accepted by a majority vote of the
3 legal voters of the citizens of the city of Boston
4 present and voting thereon at the state election,
5 November fifth, nineteen hundred and one, and
6 also by a majority of the legal voters of the town
7 of Revere present and voting thereon by ballot
8 at the state election, November fifth, nineteen
9 hundred and one and upon notice thereon duly

10 given at least seven days before the time of said
11 election, and the polls shall be open at six
12 o'clock in the forenoon of said day and shall
13 be closed at four o'clock in the afternoon.
14 Ballots shall be yes or no in answer to the ques-
15 tion, "Shall an act passed by the legislature
16 of this Commonwealth in the year nineteen hun-
17 dred and one entitled 'An act to unite the city
18 of Boston and the town of Revere,' be accepted?"

19 The town clerk of the town of Revere shall
20 as soon as may be make a return of the ballots
21 cast in said town, and the number of ballots cast
22 in favor of the acceptance of this act, and the
23 number of ballots cast against said acceptance to
24 the secretary of the Commonwealth.

25 And if it shall appear that a majority of the
26 votes cast in the city of Boston and the town
27 of Revere respectively are in favor of the
28 acceptance of this act, the said secretary shall im-
29 mediately issue and publish his certificate declar-
30 ing this act to have been duly accepted.

1 SECTION 8. So much of this act as authorizes
2 and directs the submission of the question of the
3 acceptance of this act to the legal voters of
4 Boston and the town of Revere respectively pro-
5 vided for in the seventh section of this act, shall
6 take effect upon its passage.

1 SECTION 9. If this act shall be accepted as
2 herein provided it shall take effect on the fifteenth
3 day of November nineteen hundred and one, so

4 far as to authorize, legalize and carry into effect
5 the acts and provisions of the fifth section of this
6 act, but for all other purposes except as men-
7 tioned in section eight of this act, it shall take
8 effect on the first Monday of January nineteen
9 hundred and two.

