

HOUSE No. 1207.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 21, 1902.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 911) of John W. Weeks, mayor, for legislation to change the term of office of the mayor of the city of Newton, report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

W. M. BRIGHAM.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

Relative to the Term of Office of the Mayor of the
City of Newton.

*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. Section thirty-five of chapter two
2 hundred and eighty-three of the acts of the year
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby re-
4 pealed.

1 SECTION 2. Section four of said chapter is
2 hereby amended by striking out in the sixth,
3 seventh and eighth lines the words "the mayor
4 for the term of one year and until his successor
5 is elected and qualified," and inserting in place
6 thereof the following words:— the mayor for the
7 term of two years and until his successor is
8 elected and qualified,— so as to read as follows:—

9 *Section 4.* The annual city election shall be
10 held on the second Tuesday of December, at

11 which there shall be elected by ballot, a mayor,
12 aldermen at large and aldermen by wards, and
13 members of the school committee. The mayor,
14 aldermen and school committee shall respectively
15 be elected and hold office as follows: The mayor
16 for the term of two years and until his successor
17 is elected and qualified; the aldermen at large for
18 the term of two years, except for the first term
19 herein provided, and the aldermen by wards for
20 the term of one year; the school committee for
21 the term of three years, except as herein other-
22 wise provided. The board of aldermen shall
23 consist of twenty-one members, until otherwise
24 provided. At the next annual city election there
25 shall be elected by and from the voters of the
26 city the following officers:— A mayor, one alder-
27 man from each ward to serve for the term of one
28 year, and one alderman from each ward to serve
29 for the term of two years, and such members of
30 the school committee as shall be necessary to fill
31 vacancies, as provided in section nineteen of this
32 act, and there shall be elected by and from the
33 voters of each ward one alderman to serve for the
34 term of one year. At each annual city election
35 thereafter there shall be elected officers to fill
36 vacancies and to succeed those whose terms ex-
37 pire upon the second Monday of January follow-
38 ing.

1 SECTION 3. Section two of this act shall be
2 submitted to the voters of the city of Newton at
3 the next municipal election, and if accepted by a

4 majority of the voters voting thereon, the mayor
5 of the said city shall in the year nineteen hundred
6 and three and thereafter be elected for a term of
7 two years.

1 SECTION 4. Except as otherwise provided in
2 section three, this act shall take effect upon its
3 passage.