

SENATE No. 55.

[To accompany the petition of Homer Rogers and others for legislation to extend the right of local option with reference to the sale of intoxicating liquors to certain districts in the city of Boston. Cities and the Liquor Law, sitting jointly.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

To amend the Laws Relating to the Granting of Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors in the City of Boston so as to extend the right of Local Option to the Districts known as Boston Proper, East Boston, Charlestown, South Boston, Dorchester, Roxbury, West Roxbury and Brighton.

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. For the purpose of determining
- 2 the number of licenses which may be issued for
- 3 the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Boston
- 4 the said city is divided territorially into eight dis-

5 tricts, each district to be composed of such wards
6 and precincts the boundary lines of which shall
7 most nearly coincide with the boundary lines of
8 the districts when annexed to Boston, which, as
9 they now exist, are hereinafter named by their
10 numbers.

1 SECTION 2. District number one, to be known
2 as the Boston district, shall include wards num-
3 bered six, seven, eight, nine and twelve, and pre-
4 cincts one, two, three, four, five, six and seven of
5 ward ten, and precincts one, two, three, four, five,
6 six, seven and eight of ward eleven. District
7 number two, to be known as the East Boston dis-
8 trict, shall include wards one and two. District
9 number three, to be known as the Charlestown
10 district, shall include wards numbered three, four
11 and five. District number four, to be known as
12 the South Boston district, shall include wards
13 numbered thirteen, fourteen and fifteen, and pre-
14 cinct one of ward sixteen. District number five,
15 to be known as the Dorchester district, shall in-
16 clude wards numbered twenty and twenty-four,
17 and precincts two, three, four, five, six and seven
18 of ward sixteen. District number six, to be known
19 as the Roxbury district, shall include wards num-
20 bered seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty-
21 one, precincts two, three, four and five of ward
22 twenty-two, precincts eight and nine of ward ten,
23 and precinct nine of ward eleven. District num-
24 ber seven, to be known as the West Roxbury dis-
25 trict, shall be composed of ward twenty-three and

26 precincts one, six, seven and eight of ward twenty-
27 two. District number eight, to be known as the
28 Brighton district, shall be composed of ward num-
29 bered twenty-five.

1 SECTION 3. There shall be inserted in the
2 warrant for the annual city election for each of
3 said districts, designated by its name, as provided
4 in section two, an article providing for a vote
5 upon the question, "Shall licenses be granted for
6 the sale of intoxicating liquors in this district?"
7 and the ballot shall be "yes" or "no" in answer
8 to said question.

1 SECTION 4. If the majority of the votes cast
2 at such an election in any of said districts upon
3 the said license question shall be in the affirma-
4 tive, the police commissioners of the city of Bos-
5 ton may grant, at their discretion, licenses of the
6 first five classes for the sale of intoxicating liquors,
7 to be exercised only in said district, not exceeding
8 one for each five hundred of the population of
9 said district number one, and not exceeding one
10 for each one thousand of the population of the
11 said remaining districts, respectively, voting in
12 the affirmative.

13 All such licenses shall be subject to all other
14 conditions and restrictions of existing laws relat-
15 ing to the sale of intoxicating liquors.

1 SECTION 5. All existing laws relating to bal-
2 loting, the ballots cast, the return of votes, the

3 preservation of the ballots and recounts, shall
4 apply to the said districts, and all laws inconsis-
5 ent with this act are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect as to
2 voting at the next annual city election, and as to
3 licenses at the end of the then current license
4 year.