

HOUSE No. 543.

Bill accompanying the petition of James J. Storrow for legislation relative to the school committee of the city of Boston and to provide for a school board for said city. Cities. January 24.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

To establish the School Board of the City of Boston.

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 mayor of the city of Boston shall,
2 during the month of September in the year nineteen hun-
3 teen hundred and five, appoint five persons, inhabitants
4 of the city, who shall have been residents therein not less
5 than three years continuously prior to their appointment,
6 who shall constitute and be known as the School Board
7 of the City of Boston, and shall serve without compensa-
8 tion. Their terms of office shall be so arranged and
9 designated at the time of appointment that the term of
10 one member shall expire on the thirtieth day of Septem-

11 ber in the year nineteen hundred and six, two on the
12 thirtieth day of September in the year nineteen hundred
13 and seven, and two on the thirtieth day of September in
14 the year nineteen hundred and eight. The full term of
15 office after these dates shall be three years, and reappoint-
16 ments, new appointments or appointments to fill vacan-
17 cies for unexpired terms shall be made in like manner by
18 the mayor. Said board may appoint a secretary, not a
19 member of the board, who shall be sworn and shall keep
20 a record of all proceedings, issue all notices and attest
21 all such papers and orders as the board shall direct.

1 SECTION 2. The school board of the city of Boston
2 shall succeed to and exercise, enjoy and perform all the
3 rights, powers, property, privileges, responsibilities and
4 duties now or hereafter vested in or conferred or imposed
5 upon the school committee of the city of Boston by the
6 statutes of the Commonwealth, general or special, or by
7 ordinance or by-laws of said city or otherwise, except as
8 otherwise herein provided. Said board shall have, exer-
9 cise and perform all the powers, duties and responsibilities
10 now or hereafter conferred and imposed by the statutes
11 of the Commonwealth upon the school committees of the
12 several cities and towns within the Commonwealth, except
13 as otherwise herein provided. Said board shall have gen-
14 eral charge, superintendence and management of all pub-
15 lic schools of said city, and shall make such rules and
16 regulations for the management thereof as to said board
17 shall seem expedient or necessary.

1 SECTION 3. The mayor shall declare forfeited the
2 membership of, and shall appoint at once a successor to
3 serve the term of any member of the school board who
4 shall be or become interested, directly or indirectly, in
5 any contract with or claim against the board, and if charges

6 of malfeasance in office shall be presented to the mayor
7 against any member by one hundred citizens of the city,
8 or if the mayor himself shall prefer such charges, he
9 shall conduct a public hearing upon them, and if they be
10 substantiated the mayor shall remove from office the
11 member against whom charges were preferred, and ap-
12 point a successor to serve his term.

1 SECTION 4. Section one of chapter fifty-three of the
2 acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven is
3 hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof
4 the words "school committee," and substituting therefor
5 the words "school board."

1 SECTION 5. Section one of chapter two hundred and
2 thirty-five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred is
3 hereby amended by striking out in the first line thereof
4 the words "school committee" and substituting therefor
5 the words "school board."

1 SECTION 6. All property, rights and franchises now
2 or hereafter vested in, belonging to, conferred upon or
3 acquired by the school committee of the city of Boston,
4 as a corporation or otherwise, shall belong to and be
5 vested in the school board of the city of Boston upon and
6 after its organization under this act.

1 SECTION 7. The unexpired term of office of all mem-
2 bers of the school committee as hitherto organized and
3 established shall terminate immediately upon the organiza-
4 tion of the school board under this act; and so much of
5 any act as requires the election by the voters of the city
6 of Boston of members of the school committee is hereby
7 repealed.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

