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Bill accompanying the petition of William M. Robinson for legislation to provide for the submission to popular vote of certain questions relating to the borrowing of money by cities. Cities. January 22.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Submission to Popular Vote of Certain Questions relating to the Borrowing of Money by Cities.

*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. In cities having a population of  
2 seventy-five thousand or less, no vote of the board  
3 of aldermen authorizing an issue of bonds or a  
4 permanent loan, except for the purpose of refund-  
5 ing or renewing, replacing or paying any portion  
6 of the municipal indebtedness, shall become opera-  
7 tive until after the expiration of a period of thirty  
8 days from the day of the final passage of said vote  
9 by the board of aldermen, and its approval by

10 the mayor. If within said period of thirty days a  
11 petition of three per cent. of the legal voters of  
12 the city shall be filed with the city clerk, asking  
13 that the question of the authorization of such issue  
14 or loan be submitted to the voters of the city at  
15 large, the city clerk shall transmit such petition to  
16 the board of aldermen, and said question shall be  
17 submitted to the qualified voters of the city voting  
18 at large in their respective voting places at the next  
19 annual municipal election. A special election for  
20 voting upon said question may however be called  
21 by vote of two-thirds of the board of aldermen,  
22 with the approval of the mayor. If the act of the  
23 mayor and aldermen authorizing such issue or loan  
24 be approved by a majority of the legal voters of  
25 the city voting upon the question such act shall at  
26 once become operative; but if not so approved such  
27 act shall have no effect. If such petition be not filed  
28 within said period of thirty days the act of the  
29 mayor and aldermen authorizing such issue or loan  
30 shall become operative upon the expiration of said  
31 period. Nothing in this section shall apply to debts  
32 incurred for temporary loans made under authority  
33 of statute.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.