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Bill accompanying the petition of Joseph F. Bartlett and others for legislation to provide for the election of a board of license commissioners by the town of Montague. Towns. January 3.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Election of a Board of License Commissioners by the Town of Montague and to define their Powers and Duties.

*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 town of Montague shall elect at its  
2 annual March meeting, a license commission consisting  
3 of three members, who shall be elected for the following  
4 terms of office: one member for the term of one year,  
5 one member for the term of two years, and one member  
6 for the term of three years, and shall hold office until  
7 their respective successors are elected and qualified, and  
8 thereafter at every annual March meeting, one member  
9 of said board shall be elected for the term of three years,

10 and any other vacancy on said board shall be filled by  
11 election at said meeting.

1 SECTION 2. No member of said board shall be en-  
2 gaged directly or indirectly in the manufacture or sale  
3 of intoxicating liquors, nor hold any other town office.  
4 If any member of said board engages directly or indi-  
5 rectly in the manufacture or sale of intoxicating liquors,  
6 his office shall immediately become vacant. Each mem-  
7 ber of said board shall have been a resident of said town  
8 of Montague for at least two years immediately preceding  
9 his election. Two members of said board shall be a  
10 quorum for the transaction of business.

1 SECTION 3. All licenses issued in the town of Mon-  
2 tague for the sale of intoxicating liquors, or for inn-  
3 holders or common victuallers, shall be signed only by  
4 the said board of license commissioners, and recorded in  
5 their office, and the said board shall, for the said town  
6 of Montague, exercise the powers and perform the duties  
7 relative to intoxicating liquors, innholders and common  
8 victuallers' licenses, and shall have all the authority and  
9 power pertaining to these licenses at present vested by  
10 law in the board of selectmen of said town, and shall be  
11 governed in their acts by the requirements of said laws  
12 at present applying to selectmen, and be subject to the  
13 penalties therein provided.

1 SECTION 4. The town may appropriate a reasonable  
2 sum of money for the compensation of its license com-  
3 missioners, and shall pay reasonable expenses incurred  
4 by the board for blank books, printing and other neces-  
5 sary expenses, approved by the board.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.