

SENATE No. 295.

Substituted, by amendment, by the Senate, for the report of the committee on Towns, reference to the next General Court, on the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 157) of Allen T. Treadway.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

To restrict the Power of a Town to authorize the Borrowing of Money at a Special Town Meeting.

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 vote of a town passed at a special
2 town meeting, authorizing the borrowing of money in
3 behalf of the town, shall not be valid unless there shall
4 be present and voting thereon not less than ten per cent
5 of the voters duly registered and authorized to vote at
6 the next preceding annual town meeting, in towns where
7 the number of such voters exceeds one thousand, and in
8 towns where the number of such voters is less than one
9 thousand, unless there shall be present and voting thereon
10 not less than twenty per cent of such voters.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the towns
2 of this Commonwealth for acceptance or rejection at the
3 next annual town meeting. In towns where the Aus-
4 tralian ballot is used the question shall be placed in the
5 ballot; in other towns a special ballot shall be provided
6 by the secretary of the Commonwealth, and the vote shall
7 be "Yes" or "No" in answer to the question, "Shall
8 an act passed by the General Court in 1908 entitled 'An
9 Act to restrict the power of a Town to authorize the Bor-
10 rowing of Money at a Special Town Meeting,' be
11 adopted?"

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its accept-
2 ance in towns which vote to adopt it.

