

HOUSE No. 613

Bill accompanying the petition of Frederick H. Magison that the female citizens of the Commonwealth be enabled to determine the desirability of woman suffrage. Election Laws. January 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To enable the Female Citizens of the Commonwealth to determine the Desirability of Woman Suffrage.

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. Every female citizen of twenty-one years
2 of age or upwards, not being a pauper or person under
3 guardianship, who is able to read the constitution of the
4 commonwealth in the English language, and to write her
5 name (unless prevented by some physical disability)
6 and who has resided within the commonwealth one year,
7 and within the city or town in which she claims a right
8 to vote, six calendar months last preceding the next gen-
9 eral state election, may have her name entered upon the
10 list of voters in such city or town and shall have the right
11 to vote therein on the question whether full suffrage shall
12 be extended to women in this commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Special ballots shall be prepared for the
2 use of such voters on which shall be printed only the
3 question "Shall full suffrage be extended to the women
4 of Massachusetts?" which question shall be answered by
5 making a cross in the square at the right of the words
6 "yes" and "no" appearing on the ballot.
7 Male voters shall not be entitled to vote on this ques-
8 tion.

1 SECTION 3. Registrars of voters in each city and town
2 shall, at their regular sittings for the purpose of register-
3 ing male voters for both the state primary and election,
4 held in accordance with the provisions of section thirty-
5 six of chapter eight hundred and thirty-five of the acts
6 of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, examine and
7 register such persons as are embraced within section one
8 hereof.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.