HOUSE . . . . No. 1324

Bill accompanying the petition of John J. Lydon relative to the mayor and city council of the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. January 21.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Election and Term of Office of the Mayor 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. Section forty-five of chapter four hundred
2 and eighty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
3 and nine is hereby amended by striking out the word
4 "four", in line two, and inserting in place thereof the
5 word :— two, — so as to read as follows :— *Section 45.*
6 The mayor of the city of Boston shall be elected at large
7 to hold office for the term of two years, from the first
8 Monday in February following his election, and until
9 his successor is chosen and qualified except as hereinafter
10 provided.

1 SECTION 2. Section forty-six of the said chapter four
2 hundred and eighty-six is hereby repealed.

1   Section 3. The city council of the city of Boston is
2 hereby abolished, and the powers and duties of the city
3 council shall devolve upon a board of aldermen consist-
4 ing of one member to be elected from each ward. The
5 term of office shall be two years. Nomination of alder-
6 men shall be by nomination papers, and two hundred
7 signatures shall be required for nomination. It shall be
8 unlawful for one person to sign more than one such nom-
9 ination paper, and whoever violates this provision shall
10 be punished by fine or imprisonment at the discretion of
11 the court.

1   Section 4. This act shall be submitted to the voters
2 of the city of Boston at the next state election, and if
3 accepted by a majority of the voters voting thereon it
4 shall take effect in the year nineteen hundred and four-
5 teen, when an election for mayor shall be held in accord-
6 ance with the said chapter four hundred and eighty-six.