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Bill accompanying the petition of Edward E. Willard for an amendment of the charter of the city of Chelsea. Cities. January 23.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

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### AN ACT

To amend the Charter of the city of Chelsea.

*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 sixteen of chapter six hundred  
2 and eighty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
3 eleven is hereby amended by striking out the words “on  
4 the first day, not being Sunday or a legal holiday, fol-  
5 lowing the expiration of the time for filing the above-  
6 described statements and petitions, the city clerk”, in the  
7 first, second and third lines, and inserting the following  
8 in place thereof: — The city clerk, within one week fol-  
9 lowing the expiration of the time for filing the above-  
10 described statements and petitions, — so that the said sec-  
11 tion, as amended, shall read: — *Section 16.* The city  
12 clerk, within one week following the expiration of the  
13 time for filing the above-described statements and peti-

14 tions, shall cause to be published in one or more new-  
15 papers, published in the city, the names and residences  
16 of the candidates for nomination who have duly filed  
17 the above-mentioned statements and petitions, and the  
18 offices and terms for which they are candidates for nomi-  
19 nation, as they are to appear on the official ballots to be  
20 used at the preliminary election for nominations. The  
21 city clerk shall thereupon prepare the ballots to be used  
22 at the preliminary election for nominations and shall  
23 cause them to be printed, and the ballots so prepared  
24 shall be the official ballots, and the only ballots used at  
25 such preliminary election for nominations.

26 They shall be headed as follows:—

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#### OFFICIAL PRELIMINARY BALLOT.

28 Candidates for nomination for mayor, alderman, and  
29 school committee of the city of Chelsea. At a prelimi-  
30 nary election for nominations held on the            day  
31 of           , in the year nineteen hundred and           .  
32 (The heading shall be varied in accordance with the  
33 offices for which nominations are to be made).

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-four of said chapter six  
2 hundred and eighty is hereby amended by striking out  
3 the words "highest number", in the fourteenth line, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the word:—majority,— so  
5 that said section, as amended, shall read:— *Section 34.*  
6 On the first Monday in January, at eight o'clock in the  
7 evening, the mayor-elect, aldermen and aldermen-elect  
8 shall meet, and the mayor-elect and aldermen-elect shall  
9 be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. The  
10 oath may be administered by any justice of the peace, and  
11 a certificate that the oath has been taken shall be entered  
12 on the journal of the board of aldermen. At any time

13 thereafter the oath may be administered, in the presence  
14 of the board of aldermen, to the mayor, or to any alder-  
15 man absent from the meeting on the first Monday in Jan-  
16 uary, or not elected prior thereto. After the aldermen,  
17 or a majority of them, have been sworn, they shall as-  
18 semble and elect from their number a president of the  
19 board, in the manner provided in section seven of chap-  
20 ter twenty-six of the Revised Laws. The member hav-  
21 ing the majority of votes shall be deemed and declared  
22 to be elected. The city clerk shall call the board to or-  
23 der and shall designate the senior member-elect, who shall  
24 preside until a president is chosen.

1 SECTION 3. Section fifty-one of said chapter six hun-  
2 dred and eighty is hereby amended by adding, after the  
3 word "buildings", in the seventh line thereof, the words:  
4 — a board of health, consisting of three persons, one of  
5 whom shall be a physician, — so that said section, as  
6 amended, shall read: — *Section 51.* The mayor shall  
7 appoint, subject to the approval of the board of alder-  
8 men, a chief of police, a city engineer, who shall be su-  
9 perintendent of streets and sewers, who shall have the  
10 powers of surveyors of highways and all the powers of  
11 road commissioners not herein otherwise conferred; a  
12 chief engineer of the fire department; a superintendent  
13 of public buildings, a board of health, consisting of  
14 three persons, one of whom shall be a physician, and a  
15 superintendent of fire alarms. Every administrative  
16 officer so appointed shall, unless sooner removed, hold  
17 office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Any  
18 officer so appointed under this section may be removed  
19 by the mayor, for such cause as he shall deem sufficient  
20 and shall assign in writing in his order of removal, and  
21 the removal shall take effect upon the filing of the order



22 in the office of the city clerk and the service of a copy of  
23 such order upon the officer removed, either personally,  
24 or at his last or usual place of residence. The city clerk  
25 shall keep such order on file and subject to public  
26 inspection.

1 SECTION 4. Section fifty-seven of said chapter six  
2 hundred and eighty is hereby amended by striking out,  
3 in the first line, the word "appoint", and inserting in  
4 place thereof the word : — elect, — and by striking out,  
5 in the third line, the word "herein", and inserting in  
6 place thereof the words : — in this act, — and by insert-  
7 ing, in the fourteenth line, after the words "five assist-  
8 ant assessors, one from each ward", the words : — who  
9 shall perform such duties as the board of assessors may  
10 prescribe, — so that said section, as amended, shall read :  
11 — *Section 57.* The board of aldermen shall elect, may  
12 remove and shall fix the salary, if any, of all adminis-  
13 trative officers of the city, except as is otherwise provi-  
14 ded in this act. There shall be the following adminis-  
15 trative officers, who shall perform the duties by law pre-  
16 scribed for them, respectively, and such further duties,  
17 not inconsistent with the nature of their respective offices  
18 and with general laws, as the board of aldermen may  
19 prescribe; a city clerk; a city treasurer, who may be  
20 collector of taxes; a city auditor; a city solicitor; a city  
21 messenger; a city physician; a city engineer, who shall  
22 be superintendent of streets and sewers, and who shall  
23 have the powers of surveyors of highways and all the  
24 powers of road commissioners not herein otherwise con-  
25 ferred; a board of assessors, consisting of three persons;  
26 five assistant assessors, one from each ward, who shall  
27 perform such duties as the board of assessors may pre-  
28 scribe; a water commissioner; a park commissioner; a

29 board of registrars of voters, consisting of three persons ;  
30 a board of trustees of the public library, consisting of  
31 six persons ; a board of trustees of the soldiers' burial lot,  
32 consisting of three persons ; a board of commissioners of  
33 sinking funds, consisting of three persons ; a board of  
34 overseers of the poor, consisting of three persons ; a  
35 board of health, consisting of three persons, one of whom  
36 shall be a physician ; a superintendent of public build-  
37 ings, who shall be inspector of buildings ; a superintend-  
38 ent of fire alarms, who shall be inspector of wires ; a  
39 clerk of committees ; a chief of police ; a chief engineer  
40 of the fire department.

1 SECTION 5. Section fifty-eight of said chapter six  
2 hundred and eighty is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 the words " except witness fees ", in the sixth line,  
4 the words : — and such others as are provided by stat-  
5 ute, — so that said section, when amended, shall read : —  
6 *Section 58.* All administrative officers shall be sworn  
7 by the mayor or city clerk to the faithful discharge of  
8 their respective duties, and certificates of their oaths  
9 shall be made and kept in the office of the city clerk ;  
10 and all such boards and other officers shall keep a record  
11 of their official transactions. All fees, except witness  
12 fees and such others as are provided by statute, received  
13 by any administrative officers, shall be paid into the city  
14 treasury. The terms of all administrative officers, ex-  
15 cept the city clerk, shall begin on the first Monday of  
16 March.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

