

HOUSE No. 2441

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 6, 1914.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1574) of Edward E. Willard to amend the charter of the city of Chelsea, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

JOHN E. BECK.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

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, follow-
5 ing the expiration of the time for filing the above
6 described statements and petitions, the city clerk”, in
7 the first, second and third lines, and inserting in place
8 thereof the following: — The city clerk, within one week
9 following the expiration of the time for filing the above
10 described statements and petitions, — so that said section,
11 as amended, will read as follows: — *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 news-
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:—

OFFICIAL PRELIMINARY BALLOT.

27 Candidates for nomination for mayor, alderman, and
28 school committee of the city of Chelsea. At a prelimi-
29 nary election for nominations held on the day
30 of , in the year nineteen hundred and .
31 (The heading shall be varied in accordance with the
32 offices for which the 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 as to read as follows:—*Section 34.* On the first
6 Monday in January, at eight o'clock in the evening,
7 the mayor elect, aldermen and aldermen elect shall
8 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 inserting after
3 the word "buildings", in the seventh line, the words:
4 — a board of health consisting of three persons, one of
5 whom shall be a physician, — so as to read as follows: —
6 *Section 51.* The mayor shall appoint, subject to the
7 approval of the board of aldermen, a chief of police, a
8 city engineer, who shall be superintendent of streets and
9 sewers, who shall have the powers of surveyors of high-
10 ways and all the powers of road commissioners not
11 herein otherwise conferred; a chief engineer of the fire
12 department; a superintendent of public buildings, a
13 board of health consisting of three persons, one of whom
14 shall be a physician, and a superintendent of fire alarms.
15 Every administrative officer so appointed shall, unless
16 sooner removed, hold office until his successor is appointed
17 and qualified. Any officer so appointed under this sec-
18 tion may be removed by the mayor, for such cause as he
19 shall deem sufficient, and shall assign in writing in his
20 order of removal, and the removal shall take effect upon
21 the filing of the order in the office of the city clerk and
22 the service of a copy of such order upon the officer re-
23 moved, either personally, or at his last or usual place of
24 residence. The city clerk shall keep such order on file
25 and subject to public inspection.

SECTION 4. Section fifty-seven of said chapter six hundred and eighty is hereby amended by striking out the word "appoint", in the first line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—elect,—and by striking out the word "herein", in the third line, and inserting in place thereof the words:—in this act,—and by inserting after the words "five assistant assessors, one from each ward", in the fourteenth line, the words:—who shall perform such duties as the board of assessors may prescribe,—so that said section, as amended, will read as follows:—*Section 57.* The board of aldermen shall elect, may remove and shall fix the salary, if any, of all administrative officers of the city, except as is otherwise provided in this act. There shall be the following administrative officers, who shall perform the duties by law prescribed for them, respectively, and such further duties, not inconsistent with the nature of their respective offices and with general laws, as the board of aldermen may prescribe; a city clerk; a city treasurer, who may be collector of taxes; a city auditor; a city solicitor; a city messenger; a city physician; a city engineer, who shall be superintendent of streets and sewers, and who shall have the powers of surveyors of highways and all the powers of road commissioners not herein otherwise conferred; a board of assessors, consisting of three persons; five assistant assessors, one from each ward, who shall perform such duties as the board of assessors may prescribe; a water commissioner; a park commissioner; a board of registrars of voters, consisting of three persons; a board of trustees of the public library, consisting of six persons; a board of trustees of the soldiers' burial lot, consisting of three persons; a board of commissioners of sinking funds, consisting of three persons; a board of 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, the
4 words: — and dog license fees, — so as to read as follows:
5 — *Section 58.* All administrative officers shall be sworn
6 by the mayor or city clerk to the faithful discharge of
7 their respective duties, and certificates of their oaths
8 shall be made and kept in the office of the city clerk;
9 and all such boards and other officers shall keep a record
10 of their official transactions. All fees, except witness
11 fees and dog license fees, received by any administrative
12 officers, shall be paid into the city treasury. The terms
13 of all administrative officers, except the city clerk, shall
14 begin on the first Monday of March.

1 SECTION 6. Section three of this act shall be sub-
2 mitted to the voters of the said city at the annual city
3 election in the current year in the form of the following
4 question, to be placed on the official ballot: "Shall the
5 board of health in this city, consisting of three persons,
6 one of whom shall be a physician, hereafter be appointed
7 by the mayor of the city with the approval of the alder-
8 men?" If a majority of the voters voting on this ques-
9 tion vote in the affirmative, the said section shall take
10 effect, otherwise it shall not take effect. The remainder
11 of this act shall take effect upon its passage for the pur-
12 poses of the next municipal year.