

HOUSE No. 1955

By Mr. McAndrews of Adams, petition of James P. McAndrews relative to nomination of candidates for re-election as town meeting members in the town of Adams and making the chairman of the board of cemetery commissioners of said town a town meeting member at large. Towns.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF ADAMS SHALL BE A TOWN MEETING MEMBER AT LARGE, AND FURTHER REGULATING THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR RE-ELECTION AS TOWN MEETING MEMBERS IN SAID TOWN.

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 three of chapter two hundred
2 and thirty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and
3 thirty-five is hereby amended by inserting after the
4 word "library" in the ninth line the words:— the
5 chairman of the board of cemetery commissioners, —
6 so that the first sentence will read as follows:— Any
7 representative town meeting held under the provi-
8 sions of this act, except as otherwise provided herein,
9 shall be limited to the voters elected under section
10 two, together with the following, designated as town

11 meeting members at large, ex officii; namely, any
12 member of the general court of the commonwealth
13 who is a resident of the town, the moderator, the
14 town clerk, the selectmen, the town treasurer, the
15 town counsel, the chairman of the trustees of the
16 public library, the chairman of the board of cemetery
17 commissioners, the school committee, the board of
18 assessors, the board of health, the tax collector and
19 the members of the finance committee.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter two hundred and thirty-
2 five is hereby further amended by striking out section
3 four and inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 4.* Nomination of candidates for town meet-
5 ing members to be elected under this act shall be
6 made by nomination papers which shall bear no po-
7 litical designation, but to the name of a candidate for
8 re-election there may be added the words "Candidate
9 for Re-election". Nomination papers shall be signed
10 by not less than ten registered voters of the precinct
11 in which the candidate is nominated for office and
12 filed with the town clerk at least eighteen days before
13 the election; provided, that any town meeting mem-
14 ber may become a candidate for re-election by giving
15 written notice thereof to the town clerk at least
16 eighteen days before such election. No nomination
17 papers shall be valid in respect to any candidate
18 unless his written acceptance is filed therewith.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the
2 voters of the town of Adams at the annual town
3 meeting in said town in the current year in the form
4 of the following question, which shall be placed upon
5 the official ballot to be used for the election of town

6 officers at said meeting:— “Shall an act passed by
7 the general court in the year nineteen hundred and
8 thirty-nine, entitled ‘An Act providing that the
9 Chairman of the Board of Cemetery Commissioners
10 of the Town of Adams shall be a Town Meeting
11 Member at Large, and Further Regulating the Nom-
12 ination of Candidates for Re-election as Town Meet-
13 ing Members in said Town’, be accepted?” If a
14 majority of the votes cast in answer to said question
15 is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon
16 take full effect, but not otherwise.

