

By Mr. Frye of Boston (by request), petition of Edward J. Logue for legislation to provide that the school committee of the city of Boston shall be appointed by the mayor of said city. Local Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE SHALL  
BE APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR.

*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. Chapter 452 of the acts of 1948, as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended by striking out section 18 as ap-  
3 pearing in chapter 376 of the acts of 1951, section 19 as  
4 appearing in chapter 190 of the acts of 1952, and section 20  
5 as appearing in said chapter 376 and inserting in place  
6 thereof the following section:—

7 *Section 18.* The presidents of the Back Bay Educational  
8 Council, Boston College, Boston University, Emmanuel Col-  
9 lege, Emerson College, Harvard College, Massachusetts Insti-  
10 tute of Technology, Northeastern University, Simmons Col-  
11 lege, State College-Boston, Suffolk University, Tufts Univer-  
12 sity and Wheelock College or their respective representatives  
13 shall comprise a nominating board. On or before January  
14 fifteenth of each year the mayor shall request that the  
15 nominating board convene as a nominating board and submit  
16 to him within thirty days after such request a list of a certain  
17 number of nominees for appointment to the school com-  
18 mittee. The first such request after the effective date of this  
19 act shall be for the names of fifteen nominees, and from such  
20 number the mayor shall appoint a school committee of five  
21 members, three of whom shall be appointed for terms of two  
22 years and two of whom shall be appointed for one year. Upon

23 expiration of the term of each of the five members so  
24 appointed, the position shall be filled, for a two-year term,  
25 from a list of nominees equalling in number three times the  
26 numbers of vacancies to be filled.

27 *Section 19.* In the event a vacancy occurs on the school  
28 committee, the mayor either may appoint a replacement from  
29 the list of nominees most recently submitted by the nomi-  
30 nating board or may reconvene the board for the purpose of  
31 securing a new list of three nominees from whom he then  
32 shall appoint said replacement.

33 *Section 20.* No person shall be nominated or appointed to  
34 the school committee who is not then eligible to vote in the  
35 city of Boston. Terms of office on the school committee shall  
36 commence on March first in the year of appointment. The  
37 school committee shall meet and organize on the first  
38 Monday of March in the first year of their term.

39 The members of the school committee and the nominating  
40 board shall serve without compensation and shall be deemed  
41 to be special municipal employees for purposes of chapter two  
42 hundred and sixty-eight A of the General Laws. All words in  
43 this act purporting to give authority to, or to direct an act by,  
44 the nominating board shall be construed as giving such  
45 authority or direction to the nominating board acting by a  
46 majority in a meeting or unanimously in a writing signed by  
47 all members of the nominating board.

1 SECTION 2. The school committee in office on the effective  
2 date of this act shall continue to hold office until the first  
3 school committee appointed pursuant to this act assumes  
4 office.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective April first,  
2 nineteen hundred and sixty-nine notwithstanding any other  
3 general or special act, including the first paragraph of section  
4 two of chapter four hundred and fifty-two of the acts of  
5 nineteen hundred and forty-eight, as amended.