

By Mr. Gaudette of New Bedford, petition of Donald R. Gaudette (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to provide for the reporting of the census of inhabitants of the city of New Bedford by wards and precincts used for city elections in said city under the provisions of Article XCII of the Amendments to the Constitution. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPORTING OF THE CENSUS OF INHABITANTS OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD BY WARDS AND PRECINCTS USED FOR CITY ELECTIONS IN SAID CITY, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XCII OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

*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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or  
2 special law, the census of inhabitants of the city of New Bedford  
3 required in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy-one  
4 by the provisions of Article XCII of the Amendments to the  
5 Constitution, and taken as of January first in said year, shall be  
6 returned by the Mayor of said city under oath to the office of  
7 the state secretary, on or before September first. For the  
8 purposes of said return, the wards and precincts in effect in said  
9 city for the city election in the current year shall be the wards  
10 and precincts used in reporting the census.

11 For the purposes of electing representatives, senators and  
12 councillors based upon the decennial census taken in one  
13 thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, the wards as then existing  
14 shall remain unchanged until the formation of representative,  
15 senatorial and councillor districts based upon the census taken in  
16 the current year. Any precinct wherein the inhabitants have been  
17 enumerated as provided herein at the census taken under Article  
18 92 of the Amendments to the Constitution shall remain

19 unchanged for the purpose of forming representative, senatorial  
20 or councillor districts based on said census until the formation  
21 thereof, and if such precinct is within a ward the territory of  
22 which in such formation is included in two or more representa-  
23 tive, senatorial or councillor districts, shall remain unchanged for  
24 the purposes of electing such offices so long as such districts are  
25 required by the constitution to be used for such purpose.

26 Thereafter, no precinct shall be so formed that it is partly  
27 within one congressional district and partly within another  
28 congressional district.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.