

By Mr. Ansel, a petition of Julius Ansel for legislation to divide the city of Boston into eleven districts for the purpose of electing one city councillor from each such district. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT DIVIDING THE CITY OF BOSTON INTO ELEVEN DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING ONE CITY COUNCILLOR FROM EACH SUCH DISTRICT.

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. Subsection (g) of section 3 of chapter 452 of
 2 the acts of 1948, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 682 of
 3 the acts of 1956, is hereby amended by striking out the
 4 second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
 5 paragraph: —

6 Shall the City of Boston adopt the form of government de-
 7 fined as Plan A in Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended,
 8 and consisting of a mayor elected at large, a city council of
 9 eleven members elected by and from each of the eleven dis-
 10 tricts of the city, and a school committee of five members
 11 elected at large, with each voter having a right to vote for
 12 one candidate for mayor, one candidate for city councillor for
 13 the district in which said voter is registered to vote and
 14 five candidates for school committee and with all candidates
 15 for elective offices being nominated by prelimi-
 16 nary elections?

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| Yes | |
| No | |

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 452 is hereby further amended
 2 by striking out section 14, as appearing in section 1 of chap-
 3 ter 376 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof
 4 the following section: —

5 *Section 14.* At the biennial municipal election to be held

6 in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, and at every
7 biennial municipal election thereafter, there shall be elected
8 by and from the registered voters of each of the eleven dis-
9 tricts into which the city is divided by this section, or such
10 other eleven districts as may from time to time be established
11 by or under the authority of the General Court, one city
12 councillor to hold office for the two municipal years following
13 the municipal year in which he is elected and thereafter until
14 his successor is elected and qualified. For the purpose of elec-
15 ting city councillors, the city is divided into the eleven follow-
16 ing districts, each comprising the territory within the wards
17 respectively set against it as such wards were constituted
18 on January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-three: — district
19 one, wards one and two; district two, wards three and nine;
20 district three, wards four and five; district four, wards six
21 and seven; district five, wards ten and eleven; district six,
22 wards eight and thirteen; district seven, wards twelve and
23 fourteen; district eight, wards fifteen and sixteen; district
24 nine, wards seventeen and eighteen; district ten, wards nine-
25 teen and twenty; district eleven, wards twenty-one and twenty-
26 two.

1 SECTION 3. Section 15 of said chapter 452, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and in-
3 serting in place thereof the following sentence: — If at any
4 time a vacancy occurs in the city council from any cause, the
5 city clerk shall forthwith notify the city council thereof; and
6 thereupon the remaining city councillors shall, by a majority
7 vote, choose, as city councillor for the unexpired term, a reg-
8 istered voter of the district in which the vacancy occurs duly
9 qualified to vote for a candidate for the office of city councillor
10 from such district.

1 SECTION 4. Section 53 of said chapter 452, as appearing
2 in section 2 of said chapter 376 of the acts of 1951, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence: — Every municipal offi-
5 cer required to be elected by section fourteen from a district
6 and required by sections twelve, thirteen and eighteen to be

7 elected at large shall be elected at a biennial municipal elec-
8 tion, or, in the case of a mayor for an unexpired term, at a
9 special municipal election, after, in either case, nomination at
10 a preliminary municipal election, except as otherwise provided
11 in section fifty-seven C.

1 SECTION 5. Section 55 of said chapter 452, as so apperaing,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the words "City Council-
3 19, the words: — ", if, but only if, the office is that of city
4 in the district.

1 SECTION 6. Section 55A of said chapter 452, as so appear-
2 ing, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 18 and
3 19, the words: — ", if, but only if, the office is that of city
4 councillor," — and by inserting after the word "Ward", in
5 line 19, the words: — or for District, — by inserting after
6 the word "ward", in line 20, the words "or for District", — by
7 inserting after the words "City Councillor", in line 4 of the
8 nomination petition form, the words: — in the
9 district, — and by inserting a column entitled "District" after
10 the column entitled "Precinct" in said nomination petition
11 form.

1 SECTION 7. The second paragraph of section 56 of said
2 chapter 452, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
3 out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — No voter may sign as petitioner more
5 than one nominating petition for the office of mayor, nor more
6 than one nomination petition for the office of city councillor and
7 only for the district in which said voter is registered to vote,
8 nor more than five nomination petitions for the office of
9 school committeeman, — and by striking out, in lines 18 and
10 19, the words "nine nomination petition sheets" and inserting
11 in place thereof the words: — nomination petition sheet.

1 SECTION 8. Section 59 of said chapter 452, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words "nine
3 candidates" and inserting in place thereof the words: — one
4 candidate.

1 SECTION 9. Section 61 of said chapter 452, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 to 6, inclusive,
3 the words "eighteen persons receiving at such an election
4 under Plan A or D the highest number of votes for nomination
5 for the office of city councillor" and inserting in place thereof
6 the words: — two persons in each district receiving at such an
7 election under Plan A the highest number of votes for
8 nomination for the office of city councillor in such district.

1 SECTION 10. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to
2 the registered voters of the city of Boston at the municipal
3 election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-
4 five in the form of the following question, which shall be
5 placed upon the official ballot to be used in said city at said
6 election: — "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the
7 year nineteen hundred and sixty-five, entitled 'An Act dividing
8 the city of Boston into eleven districts for the purpose of
9 electing one city councillor from each such district', be ac-
10 cepted?" If a majority of votes in answer to said question
11 is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take full effect,
12 but not otherwise.