

By Mr. Murphy of Brockton (by request), petition of Richard Corey for legislation to provide for an initiative petition on any proposed ordinances or by-laws relative to the licensing and restraining of dogs in cities and towns. Local Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INITIATIVE PETITION ON ANY PROPOSED ORDINANCES OF BY-LAWS RELATIVE TO THE LICENSING AND RESTRAINING OF DOGS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 173 the following section:—

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3 *Section 173A.* If there is filed with the clerk of a city or  
4 town a petition on the question of the enactment of an ordinance or by-law relative to the licensing and restraining of dogs  
5 containing the signatures of not less than five per cent of the  
6 registered voters of such city or town, such question shall be  
7 submitted to the registered voters at the next biennial city  
8 election or the next annual town election which occurs more  
9 than sixty days after the filing of such petition.

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11 The provisions of law relative to the signing, certification or  
12 objection to nomination papers of candidates for elective office  
13 shall apply, so far as apt.

14 If the said clerk, after certification by the registrar of voters  
15 finds said petition to be in order, he shall cause the said question to be printed on the official ballot to be used for the election of city or town officers at such regular city or town election. An ordinance or by-law proposed under this section shall  
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19 become effective if it is approved by a majority of the voters  
20 voting thereon.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One and Nineteen hundred and Sixteen

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SEVENTH ARTICLE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH, RELATIVE TO THE MANNER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT, AND TO REVISE AND REPEAL CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the majority of the members in each house approved, March 22, 1916.

- 1 Chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by the
- 2 adding after section 177 the following section:—
- 3 Section 177A. It shall be the duty of a judge or
- 4 justice of the peace on the expiration of his term of office
- 5 to cause to be filed in the office of the clerk of the court
- 6 in which he has served, a statement of his account of his
- 7 official acts and of his receipts and disbursements, which
- 8 shall be subject to the audit of the clerk of the court
- 9 in which he has served, and the clerk of the court shall
- 10 file such statement with the clerk of the court.
- 11 The provisions of law relative to the election, nomination or
- 12 objection to nomination of judges of the courts shall
- 13 apply, so far as they
- 14 relate to the election, nomination or objection to nomination of judges
- 15 of the courts, to the election, nomination or objection to nomination of
- 16 judges of the courts of the Commonwealth.
- 17 No vote shall be counted in the election of a judge or justice of the
- 18 peace unless the name of the candidate is printed on the official ballot
- 19 in use at such election at such time as such ballot is used for the
- 20 election. An ordinance or law proposed under this section shall
- 21 become effective if it is approved by a majority of the voters
- 22 voting thereon.