

HOUSE No. 513

By Mr. Arvanitis of Lawrence, petition of William G. Arvanitis that county commissioners be required to publish notices of vacancies of office before filling the same. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO PUBLISH NOTICES OF VACANCIES IN OFFICE BEFORE FILLING THE SAME.

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 34 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 after section 25 the following section: —

3 *Section 26.* The commissioners shall prepare notices of all
4 vacancies in office of the county and send them to the clerks of
5 the several cities and towns, who shall cause the same to be
6 posted in the city and town halls and in other conspicuous places
7 at least three weeks prior to the date of filling a vacancy. There
8 shall be posted not less than five of such notices in every such
9 town, except in towns of less than twenty-five hundred popula-
10 tion, where two such notices shall be posted, and not less than
11 twenty-five in every such city, including one in each ward. The
12 commissioners shall cause copies of such notices to be posted at
13 similar times in a conspicuous place at the office of the county.
14 All such vacancies shall be filled at an open meeting of the
15 commissioners after such notice.

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