

By Mr. Natsios of Holliston, petition of Andrew S. Natsios and Royall H. Switzler relative to the term of office of certain boards and commissions in towns. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MEMBERS OF CERTAIN
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN TOWNS.

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. Section 16 of chapter 39 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 56 of the acts of 1950, is hereby
3 further amended by striking out, in line 9, the word "three" and
4 inserting in place thereof the word: — five.

1 SECTION 2. Section 8D of said chapter 40 is hereby amended
2 by striking out the sixth, seventh and eighth sentences, as appear-
3 ing in chapter 697 of the acts of 1963, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following two sentences: — The commission shall consist of
5 three or more members as the city or town may determine and each
6 member shall be appointed for a term of years not to exceed five
7 years as may be determined by said city or town. In cities the
8 members shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to the provi-
9 sions of the city charter, except that in cities having a city manager
10 form of government, said appointments shall be by the city man-
11 ager, subject to the provisions of the charter; and in towns they
12 shall be made by the town manager, subject to the approval of the
13 selectmen.

1 SECTION 3. Section 69A of said chapter 41, inserted by sec-
2 tion 4 of chapter 172 of the acts of 1938, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in place
4 thereof the following two sentences: — Any town establishing a

5 water supply or water distributing system under authority of sec-
6 tion thirty-nine of chapter forty may establish a board of water
7 commissioners, consisting of three or more members as the town
8 may determine, or may authorize the selectmen to act as such.
9 Such commissioners shall, in the first instance, be elected by ballot
10 to hold office for a term of years not to exceed five years as may be
11 determined by said town.

1 SECTION 4. Section 69D of said chapter 41, inserted by sec-
2 tion 1 of chapter 101 of the acts of 1953, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first and second sentences and inserting in place
4 thereof the following two sentences: — Any town which has
5 accepted the provisions of sections sixty-nine C to sixty-nine F,
6 inclusive, shall elect a board of public works, hereinafter called the
7 board. The board shall consist of three or more members as may be
8 determined by the town and each member shall be elected for a
9 term of years not to exceed five years as the town may determine.

1 SECTION 5. Section 10 of chapter 78 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first and second sentences: — A town which raises
4 or appropriates money for the support of a free public library and
5 reading room owned by the town, shall, unless the same has been
6 acquired entirely or in part through some gift or bequest which
7 contains other conditions or provisions for the election of its
8 trustees, or for its care and management, which have been
9 accepted by the town, elect by ballot at a meeting a board of
10 trustees consisting of three or more persons, male or female, as the
11 town determines to elect. Each member of said board of trustees
12 shall be elected for a term of years not to exceed five years as may
13 be determined by said town.