

HOUSE No. 752.

[Bill accompanying the petition of J. B. Maccabe and others. Election
Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-eight.

AN ACT

Relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of Boston.

*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 one of chapter sixty-one of the
2 acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-five is hereby
3 amended by adding at the end of said section the words
4 “ *Provided, however,* that in the city of Boston no person
5 shall be assessed as above provided, later than the first
6 day of September,” so that it shall read:—

7 *Section 1.* Every male applicant for registration shall
8 present a certificate from the assessors, or a tax bill or
9 notice from the collector of taxes, showing that he has
10 been assessed as a resident of the city or town on the
11 preceding first day of May, and the same shall be ac-
12 cepted by the registrars as prima facie evidence of such

13 residence, or he shall present a certificate from the
14 assessors that he has been a resident for the six months
15 next preceding the election at which he claims the right
16 to vote, and the same shall be accepted by the registrars
17 as prima facie evidence of such residence. If a male
18 person was a resident of the city or town on the first day
19 of May, and was not assessed a poll tax by the assessors
20 of said city or town on the first day of May, such person,
21 in order to establish his right to be assessed, shall appear
22 before the board of assessors, accompanied by two wit-
23 nesses who shall testify under oath that they are regis-
24 istered voters of the ward or town in which he desires to
25 be assessed, and who shall also testify under oath to the
26 truth of the statement of the applicant in regard to his
27 right to be assessed at the place claimed by him as a legal
28 residence on the first day of May: *provided, however,*
29 that in the city of Boston no person shall be assessed
30 as above provided later than the first day of September.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of chapter sixty-one of the
2 acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-five is hereby
3 amended by adding at the end of said section the words
4 “*provided, however,* that in the city of Boston no per-
5 son shall be assessed as above provided, later than the
6 first day of September,” so that it shall read as follows:—
7 *Section 2.* Every male person moving into a city or
8 town subsequently to the first day of May, and claiming
9 the right to vote at an election and desiring to be regis-
10 tered by the registrars of voters, shall appear before the
11 board of assessors, accompanied by two witnesses who
12 shall testify under oath that they are registered voters of
13 the ward or town in which he desires to be registered,
14 and who shall also testify under oath to the truth of the
15 statement of the applicant in regard to his being a resi-
16 dent of the city or town for the six months next preced-

17 ing the election at which he claims the right to vote.
18 The assessors shall give the applicant a certificate stating
19 that he has complied with the provisions of this section:
20 *provided, however,* that in the city of Boston no per-
21 son shall be assessed as above provided later than the
22 first day of September.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

