

HOUSE No. 1334.

[Mr. BACHELDER of Boston moves to substitute this bill for the report of the committee. Leave to withdraw.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to granting Licenses for the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors 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. For the purpose of determining the num-
2 ber of licenses of the first five classes which may be
3 issued for the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of
4 Boston, the said city is hereby divided territorially into
5 eight districts, each to be composed of the wards herein-
6 after named by their numbers, or as they may hereafter
7 be changed, in their territorial limits.

1 SECTION 2. District number one, to be known as the
2 East Boston district, shall include wards numbered one
3 and two. District number two, to be known as the

4 Charlestown district, shall include wards numbered three,
5 four and five. District number three, to be known as
6 the Boston district, shall include wards numbered six,
7 seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve. District
8 number four, to be known as the South Boston district,
9 shall include wards numbered thirteen, fourteen and
10 fifteen. District number five, to be known as the Dorches-
11 ter district, shall include wards numbered sixteen, twenty
12 and twenty-four. District number six, to be known as
13 the Roxbury district, shall include wards numbered
14 seventeen, eighteen, nineteen and twenty-one. District
15 number seven, to be known as the West Roxbury dis-
16 trict, shall be composed of wards numbered twenty-two
17 and twenty-three. District number eight, to be known
18 as the Brighton district, shall be composed of ward num-
19 bered twenty-five.

1 SECTION 3. The board of police of the city of Boston
2 may grant licenses of the first five classes for the sale of
3 intoxicating liquors in any district of said city in accord-
4 ance with existing provisions of law, subject to the fol-
5 lowing limitations and restrictions :—

6 First. There shall be printed upon all ballots used at
7 the municipal elections of the city of Boston the name of
8 the district as specified in section two of this act, in
9 which the ballot is to be cast, with an enumeration of the
10 wards comprising such district and an interrogatory in
11 the following form : “Shall licenses for the sale of in-
12 toxicating liquors be granted in this district,” and the
13 ballot shall be “yes” or “no” in answer to said question.

14 Second. If a majority of the votes cast at any muni-
15 cipal election, in any district of the city of Boston, shall
16 be “no” in answer to said question, the board of police
17 of said city shall not grant any license of the first five
18 classes in such district or districts, for the license year

19 next ensuing, nor until a majority of the votes cast in
20 said district or districts shall be “yes” in answer to said
21 question.

22 Third. If a majority of the votes cast at any muni-
23 cipal election shall be “yes” in answer to said ques-
24 tion, in any such district or districts, then the board of
25 police may grant licenses of the first five classes in such
26 districts and according to the combined population of
27 such districts only.

1 SECTION 4. All existing laws relating to balloting,
2 the ballots cast, the return of votes, the preservation of
3 ballots and recounts, shall apply to the said districts, and
4 all laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect as to voting at
2 the next annual city election, and as to granting licenses
3 at the end of the then current license year.

1 SECTION 6. Each city or town which may hereafter
2 be annexed to the city of Boston shall constitute a dis-
3 trict for all the purposes of this act.

