

SENATE No. 172.

[House No. 322, with proposed amendments.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT

To divide the Commonwealth into Forty Districts for the choice of Senators.

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

1 SECT. 1. For the purpose of choosing senators
2 until the next decennial census, the Commonwealth
3 is hereby divided, agreeably to the provisions of
4 the constitution, into forty districts, as hereinafter
5 specified.

1 SECT. 2. The towns in the counties of Barn-
2 stable, [A] Dukes county and Nantucket shall con-
3 stitute a district, to be known as the Cape District.

1 SECT. 3. The [B] county of Bristol is divided
2 into three districts, as follows:—

3 The city of New Bedford, and the towns of
4 Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown and
5 [C] Westport, shall constitute a district, to be
6 known as the Third Bristol District.

7 The city of Fall River, and the towns of Berk-
8 ley, Dighton, [D] Rehoboth, Somerset and Swan-
9 zey, shall constitute a district, to be known as the
10 Second Bristol District.

11 The city of Taunton, and the towns of Attle-
12 borough, Easton, Mansfield, Norton, Raynham [E]
13 and Seekonk, shall constitute a district, to be
14 known as the First Bristol District.

1 SECT. 4. The county of Plymouth (together
2 with the town of Cohasset in the county of Nor-
3 folk) is divided into two districts, as follows:—

4 The towns of Carver, Duxbury, Halifax, Han-
5 son, Kingston, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoissett,
6 Middleborough, [F] Marshfield, Plymouth, Plymp-
7 ton, [G] Pembroke, Rochester, [H] Scituate, South
8 Scituate, and Wareham, shall constitute a district,
9 to be known as the First Plymouth District.

10 The towns of Abington, [I] Bridgewater, Brock-
11 ton, Cohasset, [J] East Bridgewater, Hingham,
12 Hull, Hanover, [L] Rockland, [M] South Abington,
13 and [K] West Bridgewater, shall constitute a
14 district, to be known as the Second Plymouth
15 District.

1 SECT. 5. The county of Norfolk (exclusive of
2 the town of Cohasset) is divided into two districts,
3 as follows:—

4 The towns of Braintree, Canton, Holbrook,

5 Milton, Quincy, Randolph, Stoughton and Wey-
6 mouth, in the county of Norfolk, shall constitute a
7 district, to be known as the First Norfolk District.

8 The towns of Bellingham, Brookline, Dedham,
9 Dover, Franklin, Foxborough, Hyde Park, Med-
10 way, Medfield, Norfolk, Needham, Norwood,
11 Sharon, Wrentham and Walpole, in the county of
12 Norfolk, shall constitute a district, to be known as
13 the Second Norfolk District.

1 SECT. 6. The county of Suffolk is divided into
2 eight districts, as follows:—

3 The city of Chelsea, the towns of Revere and
4 Winthrop, and the wards numbered one and two
5 in the city of Boston, shall constitute a district, to
6 be known as the First Suffolk District.

7 The wards numbered three, four and five, in the
8 city of Boston, shall constitute a district, to be
9 known as the Second Suffolk District.

10 The wards numbered six, seven and eight, in the
11 city of Boston, shall constitute a district, to be
12 known as the Third Suffolk District.

13 The wards numbered nine, ten, eleven and twelve,
14 in the city of Boston, shall constitute a district, to
15 be known as the Fourth Suffolk District.

16 The wards numbered thirteen, fourteen and fif-
17 teen, in the city of Boston, shall constitute a dis-
18 trict, to be known as the Fifth Suffolk District.

19 The wards numbered sixteen, seventeen and
20 eighteen, in the city of Boston, shall constitute a
21 district, to be known as the Sixth Suffolk District.

22 The wards numbered nineteen, twenty and twen-
23 ty-one, in the city of Boston, shall constitute a dis-
24 trict, to be known as the Seventh Suffolk District.

25 The wards numbered twenty-two, twenty-three
26 and twenty-four, in the city of Boston, shall con-
27 stitute a district, to be known as the Eighth Suf-
28 folk District.

1 SECT. 7. The county of Essex is divided into
2 six districts, as follows :—

3 The city of Lynn, and the towns of Nahant,
4 Saugus and Swampscott, shall constitute a district,
5 to be known as the First Essex District.

6 The city of Salem, and the towns of Marblehead,
7 Peabody and Lynnfield, shall constitute a district,
8 to be known as the Second Essex District.

9 The city of Gloucester, and the towns of Rock-
10 port, Essex, Manchester, Beverly, Hamilton and
11 Wenham, shall constitute a district, to be known
12 as the Third Essex District.

13 The city of Newburyport, and the towns of
14 Newbury, Rowley, Ipswich, Salisbury, Amesbury
15 and West Newbury, shall constitute a district, to
16 be known as the Fourth Essex District.

17 The city of Haverhill, and the towns of Brad-
18 ford, Groveland, Boxford, Middleton, Georgetown,
19 Topsfield and Danvers, shall constitute a district,
20 to be known as the Fifth Essex District.

21 The city of Lawrence, and the towns of Methuen,
22 Andover, and North Andover, shall constitute a
23 district, to be known as the Sixth Essex District.

1 SECT. 8. The county of Middlesex is divided
2 into seven districts, as follows :—

3 The city of Somerville, and the towns of Ever-
4 ett, Malden and Medford, shall constitute a dis-
5 trict, to be known as the First Middlesex District.

6 The city of Newton, and the towns of Arlington,
7 Belmont, Lexington, Waltham and Watertown,
8 shall constitute a district, to be known as the
9 Second Middlesex District.

10 The city of Cambridge shall constitute a district,
11 to be known as the Third Middlesex District.

12 The towns of Ashland, Framingham, Holliston,
13 Hopkinton, Marlborough, Natick, Sherborn, Way-
14 land and Weston, shall constitute a district, to be
15 known as the Fourth Middlesex District.

16 The towns of Acton, Ashby, Ayer, Boxborough,
17 Carlisle, Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable,
18 Groton, Hudson, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Pep-
19 perell, Shirley, Stow, Sudbury, Townsend Tyngs-
20 borough and Westford, shall constitute a district,
21 to be known as the Fifth Middlesex District.

22 The towns of Bedford, Billerica, Burlington,
23 Melrose, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham,
24 Tewksbury, Wakefield, Wilmington, Winchester
25 and Woburn, shall constitute a district, to be
26 known as the Sixth Middlesex District.

27 The city of Lowell shall constitute a district, to
28 be known as the Seventh Middlesex District.

1 SECT. 9. The county of Worcester is divided
2 into five districts, as follows:—

3 The city of Worcester shall constitute a district,
4 to be known as the First Worcester District.

5 The towns of Blackstone, Boylston, Douglas,
6 Grafton, Mendon, Milford, Northborough, North-
7 bridge, Shrewsbury, Southborough, Upton, Ux-
8 bridge and Westborough, shall constitute a dis-
9 trict, to be known as the Second Worcester Dis-
10 trict.

11 The towns of Auburn, Brookfield, Charlton,
12 Dudley, Leicester, Millbury, Oxford, Southbridge,
13 Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Warren, Webster
14 and West Brookfield, shall constitute a district,
15 to be known as the Third Worcester District.

16 The towns of Athol, Barre, Dana, Gardner,
17 Hardwick, Holden, Hubbardston, New Braintree,
18 North Brookfield, Oakham, Paxton, Petersham,
19 Phillipston, Royalston, Rutland, Templeton, and
20 Winchendon, shall constitute a district, to be
21 known as the Fourth Worcester District.

22 The city of Fitchburg, and the towns of Ash-
23 burnham, Berlin, Bolton, Clinton, Harvard, Lan-
24 caster, Leominster, Lunenburg, Princeton, Ster-
25 ling, Westminster, and West Boylston shall con-
26 stitute a district, to be known as the Fifth
27 Worcester District.

1 SECT. 10. The county of Hampden is divided
2 into two districts, as follows:—

3 The city of Springfield, and the towns of Brim-
4 field, Holland, Monson, Palmer, Wales and Wilbra-
5 ham, shall constitute a district, to be known as the
6 First Hampden District.

7 The city of Holyoke, and the towns of Agawam,
8 Blandford, Chester, Chicopee, Granville, Long-
9 meadow, Ludlow, Montgomery, Russell, South-
10 wick, Tolland, Westfield and West Springfield,
11 shall constitute a district, to be known as the
12 Second Hampden District.

1 SECT. 11. The towns in the county of Hamp-
2 shire shall constitute a district, to be known as
3 the Hampshire District.

1 SECT. 12. The towns in the county of Frank-
2 lin shall constitute a district, to be known as the
3 Franklin District.

1 SECT. 13. The county of Berkshire is divided
2 into two districts, as follows:—

3 The towns of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg,
4 Dalton, Florida, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesbor-
5 ough, New Ashford, Peru, Pittsfield, Savoy, Will-
6 iamstown and Windsor, shall constitute a district,
7 to be known as the North Berkshire District.

8 The towns of Alford, Becket, Egremont, Great
9 Barrington, Lee, Lenox, Monterey, Mount Wash-
10 ington, New Marlborough, Otis, Richmond, Sand-
11 isfield, Sheffield, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Wash-
12 ington and West Stockbridge, shall constitute a
13 district, to be known as the South Berkshire Dis-
14 trict.

1 SECT. 14. In case a new election is ordered
2 during the present political year, to fill any vacancy
3 in the senate, said election shall be held in the
4 district which elected the senator whose place is
5 vacant, notwithstanding anything in this act.

1 SECT. 15. This act shall take effect on its
2 passage.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 5, 1876.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

GEO. A. MARDEN, *Clerk.*

Mr. HOWARD offers the following amendments, to wit :—

At [A], in section 2, strike out the words "Dukes County."

At [B], in section 3, strike out the words "county of Bristol is," and insert "counties of Bristol and Dukes County are."

At [C], strike out the word "Westport," and insert "Dukes County."

At [D], strike out the word "Rehoboth," and insert "Westport."

At [E], insert the word "Rehoboth."

Mr. EVERETT ROBINSON gives notice of the following amendments, viz. :—

At [F], in section 4, strike out "Marshfield."

At [G], strike out "Pembroke."

At [H], strike out "Scituate, South Scituate."

At [I], strike out "Bridgewater."

At [J], strike out "East Bridgewater."

At [K], strike out "West Bridgewater."

At [L], insert "Marshfield, Pembroke."

At [M], insert "Scituate, South Scituate."