

HOUSE No. 155.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 13, 1874.

The Committee on Towns, to whom was committed the petition of the selectmen of North Bridgewater that the corporate name of said town may be changed from North Bridgewater to Brockton; and the petition of C. C. Bixby and 1,021 others, of Lyman Clark and others, of Isaac King and 33 others, and of George H. Gurney and 102 others, in aid of said petition of the selectmen; and also the petition of F. A. Thayer and 314 others for a change of the name of North Bridgewater to Allerton; together with the remonstrance of Alpheus Gurney and others against the change of the name of North Bridgewater to Brockton, have duly considered the same and report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

S. S. GINNODO.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To authorize the Town of North Bridgewater to change its Name.

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. The town of North Bridgewater may
2 take the name of Brockton, Allerton or Avon.

1 SECT. 2. A special meeting of the legal voters
2 of said town shall be held on the first Tuesday of
3 May of the current year, for the purpose of deter-
4 mining which of said three names shall be the
5 name of said town. The voting shall be by ballot,
6 and each voter may vote for one of said names
7 only, and any ballot having thereon any other
8 name, or more than one of said names, shall not
9 be counted. The polls shall be opened at nine
10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, and shall be
11 closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon of said
12 day.

1 SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the selectmen
2 of said town to certify and return, as soon as may
3 be, the number of ballots in favor of each of said
4 three names to the secretary of the Common-
5 wealth, who shall immediately issue and publish
6 his certificate, declaring the name which shall be
7 found to have the most ballots in its favor to have
8 been adopted by said town, and the same shall
9 thereupon become and be the name of said town.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

