

HOUSE No. 285.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Mar. 16, 1881.

The Committee on Agriculture, to whom was referred the Bill to determine the manner of electing trustees of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

T. P. ROOT.

[Mr. TUCKER of the Senate, and Messrs. E. R. WEBSTER and BUDINGTON of the House dissent.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT

To determine the Manner of Electing Trustees of the
Massachusetts Agricultural College.

*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. The board of trustees of the Massachu-
2 setts Agricultural College shall consist of not more
3 than fifteen members, exclusive of those who, under
4 the provisions of section one of chapter two hundred
5 and twenty of the Acts of the year eighteen hundred
6 and sixty-three, are trustees by virtue of holding
7 other offices.

1 SECT. 2. Within thirty days after the passage of
2 this act, the fifteen trustees above specified shall be
3 divided by lot or otherwise, as the board itself may
4 determine, into five divisions of three members each,

5 and the terms of office of the members of one of said
6 divisions shall expire on the twenty-first day of June,
7 in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and of
8 the other four divisions in one, two, three, and four
9 years respectively, from said date. On expiration of
10 the term of office of the members of any division, the
11 vacancies occasioned thereby shall be filled in the
12 manner following, to wit: one by vote of the gradu-
13 ates of the college, one by the state board of agri-
14 culture, and one by the board of trustees. Trustees
15 elected by the graduates of the college shall be
16 chosen by ballot, under such regulations as may be
17 determined by the "alumni," and the "alumni"
18 shall return notice of such elections, under the attes-
19 tation of the secretary thereof, to the board of trus-
20 tees; but no graduate shall be eligible to vote until
21 two years after graduation, nor eligible to the office
22 of trustee until five years after graduation. Trus-
23 tees chosen by the state board of agriculture shall
24 be elected in such manner as the said board may
25 determine; and the secretary of the board shall cer-
26 tify to such elections to the board of trustees. Trus-
27 tees chosen to fill vacancies occasioned by expiration
28 of term of office shall be elected for five years.

29 Whenever a vacancy occurs among the members of
30 a division of which the term of office does not ex-
31 pire within one year, it shall be filled for the remain-
32 der of the term of said division only, and by that
33 body by whom the retiring member was elected.
34 But, if either body herein mentioned shall fail from
35 any cause to fill vacancies contemplated in this act,
36 then such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the
37 *ex-officio* members of said board of trustees.

1 SECT. 3. Whenever the board of trustees shall
2 receive a duly attested notice from the secretary of
3 the alumni, or from the secretary of the state board
4 of agriculture, of the election of a trustee, in ac-
5 cordance with the provisions of this act, the trustees
6 shall declare the person so chosen a member of their
7 board, and shall enter the same upon their records.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.