

HOUSE No. 363.

[Mr. EASTMAN of Boston gives notice that he will move to substitute this Bill for the Bill which is printed as Senate, No. 243.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Concerning the Election of Aldermen 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. The city of Boston is hereby divided
2 into twelve aldermanic districts, and wards one
3 and two shall constitute one district, to be known as
4 the first aldermanic district. Wards three and four
5 shall constitute one district, to be known as the
6 second aldermanic district. Wards five and six
7 shall constitute one district, to be known as the third
8 aldermanic district. Wards seven and eight shall

9 constitute one district, to be known as the fourth
10 aldermanic district. Wards nine and ten shall con-
11 stitute one district, to be known as the fifth alder-
12 manic district. Wards eleven and sixteen shall
13 constitute one district, to be known as the sixth
14 aldermanic district. Wards twelve and thirteen
15 shall constitute one district, to be called the seventh
16 aldermanic district. Wards fourteen and fifteen
17 shall constitute one district, to be known as the
18 eighth aldermanic district. Wards seventeen and
19 eighteen shall constitute one district, to be known as
20 the ninth aldermanic district. Wards nineteen and
21 twenty-one shall constitute one district, to be known
22 as the tenth aldermanic district. Wards twenty and
23 twenty-four shall constitute one district, to be known
24 as the eleventh aldermanic district. Wards twenty-
25 two, twenty three, and twenty-five shall constitute
26 one district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic
27 district.

1 SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of the city council,
2 at the time of any new division of said city into
3 wards, to cause a new division of the city to be made
4 into twelve aldermanic districts in such manner as
5 to include in such districts whole and contiguous
6 wards, excepting so far as the same may be sepa-
7 rated by natural water-channels connected by bridge
8 or bridges, and an equal number of voters and in-
9 habitants as nearly as conveniently may be. And
10 until such new division be made the districts shall
11 remain as established by this act.

1 SECT. 3. The qualified voters of each of said
2 aldermanic districts shall, at the annual election, be
3 called upon to give in their votes for one able and
4 discreet person, being an inhabitant of the district,
5 to be a member of the board of aldermen for the
6 ensuing year ; and all such votes so given shall be
7 sorted, counted, declared, and record thereof made
8 at large for said district, and returns thereof made
9 to the city clerk in the same manner as is now pro-
10 vided by law for the choice of aldermen of said city.
11 Whereupon the same proceedings shall be had to
12 ascertain and determine the person chosen as alder-
13 man for each district as are now provided by law
14 in regard to the choice of aldermen. And a new
15 election shall be ordered in any such district, as now
16 provided by law, in case of any failure by such dis-
17 trict to elect an alderman as herein provided, as in
18 case of any vacancy by death, resignation, or other
19 cause ; and each alderman so chosen shall be duly
20 notified as is now provided by law.

1 SECT. 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.

