

HOUSE....No. 461.

[Mr. BIRD, of Walpole, moves to amend the Bill to unite the cities of Boston and Roxbury, by inserting a new section, as follows :]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1 SECT. . This act shall not take full effect unless
2 accepted by a majority of the legal voters of the city
3 of Roxbury, present and voting thereon, by ballot, at
4 meetings which shall be held in the several wards of
5 said city upon notice duly given, at least seven
6 days before the time of said meeting. Meetings
7 for that purpose shall be held in said city on the
8 second Monday of September next ensuing ; and the
9 polls shall be opened at nine o'clock in the forenoon
10 of said day, and shall be closed at four o'clock in the
11 afternoon. In case of the absence of any ward
12 officer at any ward meeting held for the purpose
13 aforesaid, a like officer may be chosen *pro tempore* by
14 hand vote, and shall be duly qualified, and shall have
15 all the powers and be subject to all the duties of the
16 regular officer at said meeting. Said ballot shall be
17 "yes" or "no," in answer to the question: "Shall

18 an act passed by the legislature of the Common-
19 wealth, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-
20 seven, entitled ' An Act to unite the cities of Boston
21 and Roxbury,' be accepted?" Such meeting shall be
22 called, notified and warned by the mayor and alder-
23 men of the city of Roxbury, in the same manner
24 in which meetings for the election of municipal
25 officers in said city are called, notified and warned.
26 The ballots given in, shall be assorted, counted and
27 declared in the wards in which they are given, in
28 open ward meeting, and shall also be registered in
29 the ward records. The clerk of each ward in the city
30 of Roxbury shall make return of all ballots given
31 in, in his ward, and the number of ballots in favor of
32 the acceptance of this act, and the number of ballots
33 against said acceptance, to the board of aldermen in
34 said city of Roxbury; and all of said returns shall
35 be made within forty-eight hours of the close of said
36 polls.

37 It shall be the duty of the mayor and aldermen of
38 the city of Roxbury to certify and return as soon as
39 may be the ballots cast in said city, and the number
40 of ballots in favor of the acceptance of this act,
41 and the number of ballots against the acceptance of
42 this act in said city, to the secretary of the Common-
43 wealth. And if it shall appear that a majority of the
44 votes in said city is in favor of the acceptance of this
45 act, the said secretary shall immediately issue and
46 publish his certificate declaring this act to have
47 been duly accepted.