

# HOUSE....No. 23.

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[Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty  
Two.

### AN ACT

In further addition to an Act to establish the City of  
Roxbury.

*BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-  
tives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of  
the same, as follows :*

1    SECT. 1. The number of wards of said city shall  
2 be five, and each ward respectively shall embrace  
3 the same territory, as at present, unless altered as  
4 hereinafter provided.

5    It shall be the duty of the city council, once in  
6 five years, to revise, and if it be needful, to alter said  
7 wards, in such manner as to preserve, as nearly as  
8 may be, an equal number of voters in each ward.

1     SECT. 2. The second section of the said act, enti-  
2 tled "an act to establish the city of Roxbury," is  
3 hereby so far amended, that from and after the elec-  
4 tion of the five additional common councilmen, for  
5 the current municipal year, whose election is herein-  
6 after provided for, the council called the common  
7 council, shall consist of twenty.

1     SECT. 3. The mayor and eight aldermen, one alder-  
2 man to be selected from each ward, and three alder-  
3 men from the city at large, shall be elected annually,  
4 by the qualified voters of the city at large, voting in  
5 their respective wards, and four common council-  
6 men shall be elected annually, from and by the voters  
7 of each ward, who shall be residents of the wards in  
8 which they are elected; all of said officers shall be  
9 chosen by ballot, and shall hold their offices for one  
10 year from the first Monday of January, and the  
11 mayor until another shall be elected and qualified in  
12 his place; all of said officers shall be elected on the  
13 second Monday of December annually, and shall  
14 enter upon the duties of their respective offices on  
15 the first Monday of January, each year.

1     SECT. 4. There shall be elected at such time in  
2 the month of February or March of the present  
3 year, as the mayor and aldermen shall appoint, by  
4 the qualified voters of the city at large, voting in  
5 their respective wards, three aldermen from the city  
6 at large, in addition to those already elected from  
7 wards, and one common councilman shall be elected  
8 from and by the voters of each ward, in addition to  
9 those already elected, and the common councilmen  
10 so elected shall be residents of the wards in which  
11 they are elected; all of said officers shall be chosen

12 by ballot, and shall enter upon the duties of their  
13 respective offices as soon as may be after their elec-  
14 tion, and shall hold their respective offices until the  
15 first Monday of January next.

1   SECT. 5. This act shall be void, unless the inhab-  
2 itants of Roxbury, at any general meeting duly  
3 warned, by public notice of at least seven days, by  
4 the mayor and aldermen, shall (within thirty days  
5 from the passage hereof) by written vote, adopt the  
6 same.

1   SECT. 6. All acts or parts of acts, inconsistent  
2 herewith, are hereby repealed.

1   SECT. 7. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 its passage.

13 by ballot and shall remain upon the desks of their  
 14 respective officers or agents as long as they shall have  
 15 voted and shall hold their respective offices until the  
 16 first meeting of January next.

17 Section 1. That out of the said officers the three  
 18 most of them, at any general meeting duly  
 19 convened by public notice of at least seven days by  
 20 the major and minority shall within thirty days  
 21 from the meeting (being by written vote upon the  
 22 annual meeting) be a committee to be called the  
 23 committee of management.

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 25 herewith are hereby repealed.

26 Section 3. This act shall take effect from and after  
 27 the passage thereof.

28 And it is the will of the said assembly that the  
 29 said committee be and they be authorized to do all  
 30 such things as may be necessary to carry into effect  
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