

HOUSE....No. 157.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 7, 1856.

[Amendment to the Bill concerning the Election of Assessors of Cities and Towns, offered by Mr. Orcutt, of Chelsea.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT

Concerning the Election of Assessors of Cities and Towns.

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. From and after the passage of this act,
2 the several cities and towns of this Commonwealth
3 shall elect assessors in the manner herein after de-
4 scribed, to wit: At the next election each city or

5 town shall elect three assessors, or such additional
6 number, divisible by three without remainder, as may
7 be considered necessary; and such assessors shall be
8 chosen in the manner now provided by law for such
9 elections.

1 SECT. 2. After the next election of such board of
2 assessors, the mayor and aldermen of each city, and
3 the selectmen of each town, shall divide the said
4 board into three equal parts or classes, the first of
5 which shall hold office for one year, the second for
6 two years, and the third for three years, and until
7 their respective successors are chosen and qualified.

1 SECT. 3. At each annual election thereafter, the
2 successors of the class or portion of said board of
3 assessors whose term of office expires in that year,
4 shall be chosen for a term of three years, and until
5 their successors in office are chosen and qualified.
6 And when any city or town shall decide to increase
7 or diminish its board of assessors, such increase may
8 be effected by adding one to each class, at the same
9 election, or by an increase of one at three successive
10 elections; and a diminution may be effected by a suc-
11 cessive decrease of one or more, at each annual elec-
12 tion, until the desired number shall be struck off from
13 each class.

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2 herewith, are hereby repealed.