

By Mrs. Murray of Cohasset, petition of Mary Jeanette Murray (by vote of the town) that provision be made for recall elections in the town of Hull. Election Laws. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF HULL.

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. Any elected officer of the Town of Hull may be
2 recalled and removed from office by the voters as herein provided.

1 SECTION 2. Any voter may file with Town Clerk a petition
2 containing the name and title of the elected officer whose removal
3 is sought. Such petition shall be signed by at least 20% registered
4 voters, provided that such recall petition must be filed within 14
5 days following its issuance.

1 SECTION 3. If, within five days following receipt of the
2 petition by the Town Clerk, the signatures are found to be
3 sufficient by said Clerk, a recall election shall be held within
4 thirty-five (35) days, but no sooner than twenty-five (25) days
5 thereafter, provided that no such election shall be held if the
6 regular town election or another special election shall take place
7 within sixty (60) days. All procedures for voting upon the recall
8 question shall be in the same manner as is provided in the General
9 Laws for the conduct of elections.

10 A majority of those voting at the recall election shall be sufficient
11 to recall such elected officer.

1 SECTION 4. Special Election to fill a Vacancy:

2 Any officer whose recall is sought may be a candidate to succeed
3 himself at the special election, to take place concurrently with the
4 election, the purpose of which shall be to fill the vacancy resulting

5 from the recall election. The nomination of all candidates to fill the
6 vacancy created by a recall election, the publication of the warrant
7 for the special election to fill such vacancy, and the conduct of the
8 same shall be in accordance with the provisions of the General
9 Election Law.

10 If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the
11 affirmative, then the candidate that received the highest number of
12 votes in the Special Election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a
13 majority of the votes on the question is in the negative, the ballots
14 for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted.