

HOUSE....No. 98.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 22, 1855.

The Committee on Education, to whom was referred the Order relating to the election of School Committees, have considered the same, and report the accompanying Bill.

WILLIAM S. KING, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To regulate the Election of School Committees.

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. The school committtees of the several
2 cities and towns of this Commonwealth, hereafter to
3 be chosen, shall be chosen for the term of three years,
4 except as hereinafter provided.

1 SECT. 2. At the first meeting of the committee
2 after their election under the provisions of this act they
3 shall be divided, by themselves, as equally as may be,
4 by lot or otherwise, into three classes. The members
5 of the first class, which shall always be the smallest
6 class, shall vacate their office at the expiration of the

7 first year ; the second class, at the expiration of the
8 second year ; the third class, at the expiration of
9 the third year ; so that one-third, as nearly as may
10 be, shall be chosen every year. And in all elections
11 thereafter, such officers shall be chosen in rotation
12 accordingly, and for the term of three years.

1 SECT. 3. Any vacancies that may exist, by death
2 or otherwise, in either class, before its term of office
3 shall expire, may be filled, for the remainder of a year,
4 in the same manner as is now provided by law for fill-
5 ing like vacancies, and shall be filled by election, at
6 the annual meeting next subsequent, for the remain-
7 der of a term.

1 SECT. 4. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

