

HOUSE....No. 210.

[Mr. MONK, of Stoughton, proposes the following as a substitute for the Bill now before the House.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Providing for 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 inhabitants of every town in this
2 Commonwealth shall, at the next annual meeting
3 after the passage of this act, choose by written ballot,

4 a board of school committee, which board shall con-
5 sist of three, six, nine or twelve persons, or any other
6 number divisible by three; and said board shall have
7 all the powers, and be subject to all the duties and
8 liabilities, provided by law.

1 SECT. 2. At the first annual meeting after the
2 passage of this act, each and every town in this Com-
3 monwealth shall, by vote of the inhabitants thereof,
4 decide of what number the aforesaid board shall
5 consist.

6 One-third of said board shall then be elected for
7 the term of one year, one-third for the term of two
8 years, and one-third for the term of three years;
9 after which first election, one-third of said board
10 shall be elected for the term of three years.

1 SECT. 3. Whenever from any cause any vacancy
2 shall occur in the aforesaid board, such vacancy may
3 be filled in the same manner as is now provided by
4 law: *provided*, any person elected or appointed to fill
5 any vacancy as aforesaid, shall hold office only during
6 the term for which his predecessor was elected.

1 SECT. 4. Whenever any town shall decide by vote
2 to increase or diminish the number of persons consti-
3 tuting the aforesaid board, such increase may be
4 effected by adding one or more to each class; which
5 additional person or persons shall hold office accord-
6 ing to the tenure of the class for which he or they
7 may be elected; and a diminution may be effected by
8 a successive decrease of one or more at each annual
9 election thereafter, until the desired number shall be

10 struck off: *provided*, that in case one or more of the
11 number of said board shall be struck off in any one
12 year, the same number shall be struck off in each of
13 the two succeeding years, so that the diminution shall
14 equally affect each class.

1 SECT. 5. Any city in this Commonwealth, in which
2 the board aforesaid is elected by the people, may avail
3 itself of the provisions of this act, as to the election
4 of such board: *provided*, the city council of such city
5 shall vote so to do; in which case the number of which
6 such board shall consist shall be determined by a
7 joint vote of said city council.

1 SECT. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

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