

SENATE No. 575

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, June 6, 1913.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the House Bill to provide for a referendum relative to an eight-hour day for city and town employees (House, No. 2424, amended), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft, herewith submitted.

For the committee,

CHAS. E. WARD.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To provide for a Referendum relative to an Eight-Hour Day
for City and Town Employees.

*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. In every city or town which has not for-
2 mally accepted the provision of section twenty of chapter
3 one hundred and six of the Revised Laws, or section
4 forty-two of chapter five hundred and fourteen of the acts
5 of the year nineteen hundred and nine, as affected by
6 chapter four hundred and ninety-four of the acts of the
7 year nineteen hundred and eleven, there shall be submit-
8 ted to the voters at the next annual municipal election the
9 following question, to be printed on the ballot: — “ Shall
10 this city (or town) accept the provisions of section forty-
11 two of chapter five hundred and fourteen of the acts of
12 the year nineteen hundred and nine, as affected by chap-
13 ter four hundred and ninety-four of the acts of the year
14 nineteen hundred and eleven, which provides that eight
15 hours shall constitute a day’s work for city or town em-
16 ployees?” If a majority of the voters voting thereon in
17 any such city or town vote in the affirmative, the said

18 section forty-two and the said chapter four hundred and
19 ninety-four shall thereupon take effect in such city or
20 town.

1 SECTION 2. If the voters of a city or town do not ac-
2 cept the provisions aforesaid the question shall again be
3 submitted to the voters in the second year thereafter or
4 in any second year after failure to accept said provisions
5 by the voters: *provided*, that a petition signed by voters
6 equal in number to at least twenty-five per cent of the last
7 preceding vote cast in the city or town for all candidates
8 for governor of the commonwealth be presented to the
9 clerk of the city or town twenty days at least before the
10 day for voting on the question aforesaid, which day shall
11 be the city or town election day. It shall be the duty of
12 the clerk of the city or town to examine the petition and
13 certify to the correctness of the names and number of the
14 petitioners and provide for the submission of the question
15 to the voters at the city or town election day as aforesaid.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

