

HOUSE No. 858.

[Mr. DALLINGER of Cambridge gives notice that he will move to substitute this bill for a bill with the same title which is printed as House, No. 457.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

AN ACT

Conferring upon Voters in Cities the Power of legislating
by Direct Vote.

*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. The city council of any city may, at any
2 time, by resolution, provide for the submission to a direct
3 vote of the voters of such city, for their adoption or
4 rejection, of any measure introduced in it, pending before
5 it or enacted by it; and may provide in such resolution
6 that the same shall be submitted at a special election or
7 at the next regular election.

1 SECT. 2. Meetings of the voters under the provisions
2 of this act, either at a special election or a regular annual

3 election, shall be called by the city clerk. He shall cause
4 notice of every such meeting to be printed in one or more
5 newspapers published in such city, and also to be posted
6 in the office of the city clerk and three or more con-
7 spicuous places in the city.

1 SECT. 3. All ballots for use in special elections under
2 this act shall be prepared and furnished by the city clerk
3 of such city, and shall be in form the same as provided
4 by law for election of city officers. When ordinances
5 under this act are submitted to the voters at a regular
6 annual election they shall be placed upon the official bal-
7 lots as hereinbefore provided.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall not become operative in any
2 city until accepted by the voters thereof.

