

SENATE No. 57.

To accompany the petition of Daniel W. Lane for legislation to provide for the compensation of the Commissioners elected to apportion Suffolk County into districts and to more clearly define the duties of said commissioners. Public Service.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

AN ACT

To provide for Compensation for the Commissioners elected to apportion Suffolk County into Districts and to more clearly define the Duties of Said Commissioners.

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. Section three hundred and twenty-
2 four of chapter eleven of the Revised Laws, as
3 amended by section nine of chapter three hundred
4 and eighty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 five, is hereby further amended by inserting in the
6 nineteenth line after the word " them," the words
7 " for compensation a sum not exceeding five hun-
8 dred dollars each, said sum to be determined by the
9 governor and council, and a further sum of," — so
10 as to read as follows:—

11 *Section 324.* At the annual state election in the
12 year nineteen hundred and five, and every tenth
13 year thereafter, nine commissioners shall be elected
14 for the county of Suffolk, for the performance of
15 the duties specified in section four hundred and
16 twenty-six. Five of said commissioners shall be
17 residents of and voters in the city of Boston and
18 shall be elected by the voters of that city; two shall
19 be residents of and voters in the city of Chelsea and
20 shall be elected by the voters of that city; one shall
21 be a resident of and a voter in the town of Winthrop
22 and shall be elected by the voters of that town; and
23 one shall be a resident of and a voter in the town
24 of Revere and shall be elected by the voters of that
25 town. Said commissioners shall hold office for one
26 year from the first Wednesday of January next
27 after their election. At their first meeting they
28 shall organize by choosing a chairman, who shall
29 be one of their number, and a clerk. The city of
30 Boston shall provide them with a suitable office and
31 room for hearings and shall allow and pay to them
32 for compensation a sum not exceeding five hundred
33 dollars each, said sum to be determined by the gov-
34 ernor and council and a further sum of not more
35 than seven hundred dollars for clerk hire, stationery
36 and incidental expenses.

37 Section four hundred and twenty-six of chapter
38 eleven of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by
39 striking out the words "within thirty days," in
40 the second and third lines, and inserting in place
41 thereof the words "on the first Tuesday of August
42 next," and in the fifteenth line by inserting after
43 the word "Commonwealth," the words "to the
44 board of election commissioners of the city of Bos-

45 ton," and again in the fifteenth line after the words
46 " to the treasurer of the city of Boston " the words
47 " to the city clerk of the city of Boston, to the city
48 clerk of the city of Chelsea," — so as to read as
49 follows: —

50 *Section 426.* The commissioners who are elected
51 under the provisions of section three hundred and
52 twenty-four shall on the first Tuesday of August
53 next after the secretary of the Commonwealth shall
54 have certified to them the number of representa-
55 tives to which the county of Suffolk may be entitled
56 as determined by the general court assembled in
57 the city of Boston, and as soon as may be, shall so
58 divide said county into representative districts of
59 contiguous territory as to apportion the representa-
60 tives of said county, as nearly as may be, according
61 to the number of voters in the several districts. Such
62 districts shall be so formed that no ward of a city
63 and no town shall be divided and no district shall
64 be so formed that it shall be entitled to elect more
65 than three representatives. The districts shall be
66 numbered by the commissioners and the descrip-
67 tion of each district, its number and the number of
68 voters therein shall be transmitted to the secretary
69 of the Commonwealth, to the board of election com-
70 missioners of the city of Boston, to the treasurer
71 of the city of Boston, to the city clerk of the city of
72 Boston, to the city clerk of the city of Chelsea, to
73 the clerk of the town of Revere and to the clerk of
74 the town of Winthrop and shall be filed and kept in
75 their respective offices.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

