

HOUSE No. 1699

By Mr. Palmer of Somerville, petition of Harold A. Palmer for legislation relative to the election of certain county officials. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 54 of the General Laws, is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 143 and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section: —
4 *Section 143.* Upon failure to choose a county treas-
5 urer for a county except Suffolk and Nantucket
6 counties, or a register of deeds for a county or district,
7 the governor shall forthwith issue precepts to the
8 aldermen of each city and the selectmen of each town
9 in such county or district, directing them to call an
10 election for the election of such officer on a day ap-
11 pointed therein. Upon a vacancy by removal or
12 otherwise in the office of county treasurer for a county
13 except Suffolk and Nantucket counties, or a register
14 of deeds for a county or district, the governor shall in
15 like manner issue precepts for an election to fill such
16 vacancy at the next biennial state election for which

17 precepts can be seasonably issued, unless the term of
18 the office expires on the first Wednesday of January
19 following such state election, and may appoint some
20 person to fill such office until a person is elected thereto
21 and qualified. The person so appointed shall give
22 bond to the county in said sum as the county commis-
23 sioners shall approve.