

SENATE No. 256.

[Senate, No. 233, as passed to be engrossed.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Authorizing Persons qualified to vote for Members of School Committees to vote at the Next State Election upon the Question of Granting Municipal Suffrage to Women.

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. All persons qualified to vote for
2 school committee shall, at the next state election,
3 have an opportunity to express their opinion by
4 voting yes or no in answer to the following ques-
5 tion: Is it expedient that municipal snffrage be
6 granted to women?

1 SECT. 2. Equal opportunity shall be given to
2 men and women to register prior to said election.

1 SECT. 3. The secretary of the Commonwealth
2 shall, prior to said election, cause to be placed on
3 the official ballot the following words:

4 Is it expedient that municipal suffrage be
5 granted to women?

YES.
NO.

6 And shall also cause other ballots to be pre-
7 pared for women voters, having thereon the same
8 words.

1 SECT. 4. Ballots prepared as above provided
2 shall be furnished by the secretary of the Com-
3 monwealth to cities and towns as are ballots for
4 use in elections of state officers, and the ballots
5 shall be counted and returned in the same man-
6 ner as are ballots for the election of state officers,
7 except that the votes of men and women shall be
8 returned separately.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall be subject to the pro-
2 visions of chapter four hundred and seventeen of
3 the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-
4 three, and acts in amendment thereof and in
5 addition thereto, so far as the same are appli-
6 cable.

SENATE, April 4, 1895.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

HENRY D. COOLIDGE, *Clerk.*

