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Bill accompanying the petition of John F. Fitzgerald, mayor, for legislation to change the time for holding the municipal elections in the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. January 17.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Elections in the City of Boston.

*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 thirty-two of chapter four hundred  
2 and eighty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred  
3 and nine is hereby amended by striking out, in the sixth  
4 line, the word "January", and inserting in place thereof  
5 the word:—December,—so that said section as amended  
6 will read as follows:—*Section 32.* The first municipal  
7 election under this act shall take place on the first Tues-  
8 day after the second Monday in January in the year  
9 nineteen hundred and ten, and thereafter the regular  
10 municipal elections in each year in said city shall be held  
11 on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in Decem-  
12 ber.

1 SECTION 2. Section fifty-three of said chapter four  
2 hundred and eighty-six of the acts of the year nineteen  
3 hundred and nine is hereby amended by striking out, in  
4 the sixth line, the words "twenty-fifth", and inserting  
5 in place thereof the words:— twenty-first; by striking  
6 out, in the eighth line, the word "five", and inserting  
7 in place thereof the word:— one; by inserting after the  
8 word "papers", in the fourteenth line, the words:—  
9 need not be sworn to by one of the signers and, — and by  
10 striking out the form of oath in the form annexed to  
11 said section, — so that said section as amended will read  
12 as follows:— *Section 53.* Any male qualified registered  
13 voter in said city may be nominated for any municipal  
14 elective office in said city, and his name as such candidate  
15 shall be printed on the official ballot to be used at the  
16 municipal election: *provided*, that at or before five o'clock  
17 on the evening of the twenty-first day prior to such elec-  
18 tion nomination papers prepared and issued by the elec-  
19 tion commissioners, signed in person by at least one  
20 thousand registered voters in said city qualified to vote  
21 for such candidate at said election, shall be filed with  
22 said election commissioners, and the signatures on the  
23 same to the number required to make a nomination are  
24 subsequently certified by the election commissioners as  
25 hereinafter provided. Said nomination papers need not  
26 be sworn to by one of the signers, and shall be in sub-  
27 stantially the following form:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

CITY OF BOSTON

NOMINATION PAPER.

The undersigned, registered voters of the City of Boston qualified to vote for a candidate for the office named below, in accordance with law, make the following nomination of candidates to be voted for at the election to be held in the City of Boston on January 19 .

NAME OF CANDIDATE. (Give first or middle name in full).	OFFICE FOR WHICH NOMINATED.	RESIDENCE. Street and number, if any.

## SIGNATURES AND RESIDENCES OF NOMINATORS.

We certify that we have not subscribed to more nominations of candidates for this office than there are persons to be elected thereto. In case of the death, withdrawal or incapacity of any of the above nominees, after written acceptance filed with the board of election commissioners, we authorize (names of a committee of not less than five persons) or a majority thereof as our representatives to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed by law.

SIGNATURES OF NOMINATORS. To be made in person.	RESIDENCE, APRIL 1.	WARD.	PREC.	PRESENT RESIDENCE.

## ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION.

We accept the above nominations.

(Signature of Nominees.)

1 SECTION 3. Section fifty-four of said chapter four  
2 hundred and eighty-six of the acts of the year nineteen  
3 hundred and nine is hereby amended by inserting after  
4 the word "more", in the fourteenth line, the words:—  
5 and candidates shall present on and after, but not before  
6 the day next following the state election a notice in writ-  
7 ing to the election commissioners giving the title of the  
8 office for which he is a candidate, and his residence with  
9 street and number thereof, if any, and the election com-  
10 missioners shall issue to the candidate a sufficient number  
11 of nomination papers with the name of the candidate,  
12 the title of the office and the residence of the candidate  
13 inscribed thereon, and no other nomination papers shall  
14 be issued or received, — so that said section as amended

15 will read as follows:— *Section 54.* If a candidate nom-  
16 inated as aforesaid dies before the day of election, or  
17 withdraws his name from nomination, or is found to be  
18 ineligible, the vacancy may be filled by a committee of  
19 not less than five persons, or a majority thereof, if such  
20 committee be named, and so authorized in the nomination  
21 papers. Nomination papers shall not include candidates  
22 for more than one office, except that not more than three  
23 or nine, as the case may be, candidates for city council  
24 may be included in one nomination paper, and not more  
25 than two candidates for school committee may be in-  
26 cluded in one nomination paper. Every voter may sign  
27 as many nomination papers for each office to be filled as  
28 there are persons to be elected thereto and no more, and  
29 candidates shall present on and after, but not before the  
30 day next following the state election a notice in writing  
31 to the election commissioners giving the title of the office  
32 for which he is a candidate, and his residence with street  
33 and number thereof, if any, and the election commission-  
34 ers shall issue to the candidate a sufficient number of  
35 nomination papers with the name of the candidate, the  
36 title of the office and the residence of the candidate in-  
37 scribed thereon, and no other nomination papers shall be  
38 issued or received. Nomination papers in each year shall  
39 be issued by the board of election commissioners on and  
40 after, but not before the day next following the state  
41 election.

1 SECTION 4. Section fifty-six of said chapter four hun-  
2 dred and eighty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hun-  
3 dred and nine is hereby amended by striking out the  
4 word "sixteenth", in the fifteenth line, and inserting in  
5 place thereof the word:—fifteenth,— by striking out  
6 the word "fourteenth", in the twentieth line, and insert-

7 ing in place thereof the word:— thirteenth, — and by  
8 striking out the word “twelfth”, in the twenty-third  
9 line and inserting in place thereof the word:— eleventh,  
10 — so that said section as amended will read as follows:  
11 — *Section 56.* The names of candidates appearing on  
12 nomination papers shall, when filed, be a matter of public  
13 record; but the nomination papers shall not be open to  
14 public inspection until after certification. After such  
15 nomination papers have been filed, the election commis-  
16 sioners shall certify thereon the number of signatures,  
17 which are the names of registered voters in the city  
18 qualified to sign the same. They need not certify a  
19 greater number of names than are required to make a  
20 nomination, with one fifth of such number added thereto.  
21 All such papers found not to contain a number of names  
22 so certified, equivalent to the number required to make  
23 a nomination shall be invalid. The election commission-  
24 ers shall complete such certification on or before five  
25 o'clock on the evening on the fifteenth day preceding the  
26 city election. Such certification shall not preclude any  
27 voter from filing objections as to the validity of the nom-  
28 ination. All withdrawals and objections to such nomina-  
29 tions shall be filed with the election commissioners on or  
30 before five o'clock on the evening of the thirteenth day  
31 preceding the city election. All substitutions to fill  
32 vacancies caused by withdrawal or ineligibility shall be  
33 filed with the election commissioners on or before five  
34 o'clock on the evening of the twelfth day preceding the  
35 city election.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.





