

HOUSE No. 80.

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[Introduced on leave by Mr. McCARTHY of Boston. Election Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Election of Aldermen 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. The city of Boston shall be and hereby
2 is divided into twelve aldermanic districts; and wards
3 one and two shall constitute one district, to be known as
4 the first aldermanic district; wards three, four and five
5 shall constitute one district, to be known as the second
6 aldermanic district; wards six and eight shall constitute
7 one district, to be known as the third aldermanic district;
8 wards seven and ten shall constitute one district, to be
9 known as the fourth aldermanic district; wards eleven
10 and nineteen shall constitute one district, to be known as
11 the fifth aldermanic district; wards nine and thirteen
12 shall constitute one district, to be known as the sixth

13 aldermanic district; wards fourteen and fifteen shall con-
14 stitute one district, to be known as the seventh alder-
15 manic district; wards twelve and eighteen shall consti-
16 tute one district, to be known as the eighth aldermanic
17 district; wards seventeen and twenty-one shall constitute
18 one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic dis-
19 trict; wards sixteen and twenty shall constitute one
20 district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic district;
21 wards twenty-three and twenty-four shall constitute one
22 district, to be known as the eleventh aldermanic district;
23 wards twenty-two and twenty-five shall constitute one
24 district, to be known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

1 SECT. 2. Nominations of candidates for the board of
2 aldermen in the city of Boston, made by a political party
3 which at the preceding annual state election polled for
4 governor at least three per centum of the entire vote cast
5 in the Commonwealth for that office, shall be made di-
6 rectly in caucuses and not by conventions or committees.

1 SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the voters of each of
2 the two leading political parties in each aldermanic dis-
3 trict to annually nominate one candidate for alderman
4 from among the residents of said district qualified to hold
5 said office. Caucuses shall be held, for the purpose of
6 making such nominations, in each of the wards compris-
7 ing an aldermanic district, and returns of the votes cast
8 for aldermanic candidates shall be made to the election
9 commissioners of said city in conformity with the law
10 relative to returns of votes of caucuses. The candidate
11 for alderman in any aldermanic district who, in the aggre-
12 gate of all the votes cast in the different wards compris-
13 ing said district, appears to have received a plurality of
14 such votes, as shown by the returns made to the election
15 commissioners, shall be deemed to be one of the twelve

16 nominees for aldermen of the political party holding such
17 caucuses.

1 SECT. 4. The names of the twelve candidates nomi-
2 nated by each of the two leading political parties, in
3 accordance with the provisions of the preceding section,
4 and of all other candidates duly nominated for aldermen
5 in said city, shall be placed upon the official ballot in the
6 manner now required by law. Each legal voter of the
7 city of Boston shall be entitled, in any election of alder-
8 men of said city, to vote for any of the candidates whose
9 names are so placed upon the ballot, whether such can-
10 didate was or was not nominated by the aldermanic dis-
11 trict in which such voter resides: *provided*, that no voter
12 shall vote for more than seven aldermen.

1 SECT. 5. All provisions of law relative to caucuses
2 and elections, not inconsistent herewith, shall apply to
3 the nomination and election of aldermen under the pro-
4 visions of this act.

1 SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

