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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 1897.

The committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 838) of J. J. McCarthy for legislation relative to the nomination and election of aldermen in the city of Boston; also, the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 248) of J. J. McCarthy for legislation relative to the nomination and election of aldermen in the city of Boston; and the bill (introduced on leave) relative to nominations for aldermen in the city of Boston (House, No. 662), report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

JEREMIAH J. McCARTHY.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### 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  
2 hereby is divided into twelve aldermanic districts;  
3 wards one and two shall constitute one district, to  
4 be known as the first aldermanic district; wards  
5 three, four and five shall constitute one district, to  
6 be known as the second aldermanic district;  
7 wards six and eight shall constitute one district,  
8 to be known as the third aldermanic district; wards  
9 seven and ten shall constitute one district, to be  
10 known as the fourth aldermanic district; wards  
11 eleven and nineteen shall constitute one district, to  
12 be known as the fifth aldermanic district; wards  
13 nine and thirteen shall constitute one district, to be  
14 known as the sixth aldermanic district; wards four-  
15 teen and fifteen shall constitute one district, to be

16 known as the seventh aldermanic district; wards  
17 twelve and eighteen shall constitute one district,  
18 to be known as the eighth aldermanic district;  
19 wards seventeen and twenty-one shall constitute  
20 one district, to be known as the ninth aldermanic  
21 district; wards sixteen and twenty shall constitute  
22 one district, to be known as the tenth aldermanic  
23 district; wards twenty-three and twenty-four shall  
24 constitute one district, to be known as the  
25 eleventh aldermanic district; wards twenty-two  
26 and twenty-five shall constitute one district, to be  
27 known as the twelfth aldermanic district.

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

1    SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the voters of  
2 each of the two leading political parties in each  
3 aldermanic district to annually nominate one  
4 candidate for alderman from among the residents  
5 of said district qualified to hold said office. Cau-  
6 cuses shall be held, for the purpose of making  
7 such nominations, in each of the wards comprising  
8 an aldermanic district, and returns of the votes  
9 cast for aldermanic candidates shall be made to  
10 the election commissioners of said city in con-  
11 formity with the law relative to returns of votes

12 of caucuses. The candidate for alderman in any  
13 aldermanic district who, in the aggregate of all  
14 the votes cast in the different wards comprising  
15 said district, appears to have received a plurality  
16 of such votes, as shown by the returns made to  
17 the election commissioners, shall be deemed to be  
18 one of the twelve nominees for aldermen of the  
19 political party holding such caucuses. The board  
20 of election commissioners shall have the same  
21 powers, and perform the same duties, in relation  
22 to counting, tabulating and determining the votes  
23 cast at the several caucuses as they have in re-  
24 lation to votes cast in the several precincts at  
25 elections.

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

1     SECT. 5. All provisions of law relative to cau-  
2 cuses and elections, not inconsistent herewith,

3 shall apply to the nomination and election of  
4 aldermen under the provisions of this act.

1     SECT. 6. This act shall take effect on the fifth  
2 day of November in the current year: *provided*,  
3 that an act entitled “an act to consolidate the  
4 board of aldermen and the common council and to  
5 reorganize the city government of the city of  
6 Boston,” to be submitted for the acceptance of  
7 the voters of said city at the annual state election  
8 in the current year, shall fail to be accepted by a  
9 majority of the votes cast at such election, as pro-  
10 vided in said act, and in case said act shall be so  
11 accepted this act shall not take effect, but shall  
12 be null and void.





