

HOUSE No. 690

By Mr. Petruccelli of Boston, petition of Anthony Petruccelli and Thomas M. Menino relative to voting districts in the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REPRECINCTING.

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 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line one, the words “nineteen hundred and ninety-
4 two” and inserting in place thereof the words:— two thousand and
5 one.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line eight, the words “Not later than July first in
4 such year” and inserting in place thereof the words:—
5 Within seven days of the last day the city council may vote,.

1 SECTION 3. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 27, the words “September first immediately
4 following” and inserting in place thereof the words:— thirty five
5 days after the final day to give written notice to the state secretary.

1 SECTION 4. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by

3 striking out, in line 28, the word “fifteen” and inserting in place
4 thereof the word:— seven.

1 SECTION 5. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 32, the word “twenty” and inserting in place
4 thereof the word:— seven.

1 SECTION 6. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 34, the words “October fifteenth immediately
4 following” and inserting in place thereof the words:— fourteen
5 days after the last day to receive notice from the local election dis-
6 trict review commission.

1 SECTION 7. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 39, the words “October fifteenth” and
4 inserting in place thereof the words:— the forty-ninth day
5 following the final day to give notice to the state secretary.

1 SECTION 8. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 40, the word “thirty” and inserting in place
4 thereof the words:— fifteen.

1 SECTION 9. Section 1 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting, after line 44, the following new paragraph:—

4 Should the state secretary determine that federal census figures
5 are available at such time as to allow this process to begin earlier,
6 the state secretary will designate the date on which such process
7 shall begin. Such date shall replace “June fifteenth” in line 23 of
8 this section.

1 SECTION 10. Section 2 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 14, the words “next following” and inserting
4 in place thereof:— following the making thereof.

1 SECTION 11. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 22, the words “nineteen hundred and ninety-
4 two” and inserting in place thereof the words:— two thousand and
5 one.

1 SECTION 12. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 49, the words “July first of the year in which
4 such division is authorized or required to be made” and inserting
5 in place thereof the words:— seven days after the date on which
6 the board of selectmen is authorized or required to divide the town
7 into precincts.

1 SECTION 13. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 60, the words “September first of said year”
4 and inserting in place thereof the words:— thirty five days
5 following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state secre-
6 tary a copy of the division.

1 SECTION 14. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 63, the words “September twentieth of said
4 year” and inserting in place thereof the words:— the forty-ninth
5 day following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state
6 secretary a copy of such division.

1 SECTION 15. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 69, the words “October fifteenth” and
4 inserting in place thereof the words:— sixty-four days following
5 the date the town clerk must transmit to the state secretary a copy
6 of such division.

1 SECTION 16. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 74, the words “September twentieth” and
4 inserting in place thereof the words:— the forty-ninth day

5 following the date the town clerk must transmit to the state secre-
6 tary a copy of such division.

1 SECTION 17. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out, in line 75, the word “thirty” and inserting in place
4 thereof the word:— fifteen.

1 SECTION 18. Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting, after line 79, the following new paragraph:—

4 Should the state secretary determine that federal census figures
5 are available at such time as to allow this process to begin earlier,
6 the state secretary will designate the date on which such process
7 shall begin. Such date shall replace “June fifteenth” in line 23 of
8 this section.

1 SECTION 19. Section 9 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting, in line 1, after the word “thousand” the words:— two
4 hundred.