

# **HOUSE . . . . . No. 3680**

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 20, 2015.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill establishing a four-year term for the office of City Councilor of the city of Holyoke (House, No. 3557), reports recommending that the same be amended by substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 3680), and that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

THEODORE C. SPELIOTIS.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act establishing a four-year term for the office of City Councilor of the city of Holyoke.

*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 9 of chapter 438 of the acts of 1896, as appearing in section 8 of  
2 chapter 189 of the acts of 1992, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 to 4, inclusive, the  
3 words “At the biennial municipal election to be held in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-three  
4 and at every biennial municipal election thereafter, the” and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following word:- The.

6           SECTION 2. Said section 9 of said chapter 438, as so appearing, is hereby further  
7 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-  
8 At the municipal election to be held in the city of Holyoke in the year 2017 and in every second  
9 odd-numbered year thereafter, the city councilors to be elected thereat shall hold office for 4  
10 years from the first Monday in January following their election and until their successors are  
11 elected and qualified.

12           SECTION 3. So much of section 2 of chapter 327 of the acts of 1936 as is inconsistent  
13 with this act is hereby repealed.

14 SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of the city  
15 of Holyoke by the city clerk placing the following question on the official ballot to be used in the  
16 city of Holyoke at the regular municipal election to be held in the year 2015:

17 “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 2015 entitled, ‘An Act Establishing  
18 a Four-Year Term for the Office of City Councilor in the City of Holyoke’ be accepted?”

19 If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall  
20 take effect forthwith for all purposes relating to the municipal election to be held in said city in  
21 the year 2017, and shall take full effect beginning with said election, but not otherwise.

22 SECTION 5. The city solicitor shall prepare a fair, concise summary and purpose of this  
23 act to appear with the question no later than 60 days before the election in accordance with  
24 section 58A of chapter 54 of the General Laws.

25 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.