

Offered by Councilor Andrea J. Campbell



**CITY OF BOSTON**

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**IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND NINETEEN**

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**HOME RULE PETITION**

**ORDERED:** That a petition to the General Court, accompanied by a bill for a special law relating to the City of Boston to be filed with an attested copy of this order be, and hereby is, approved under Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article II, as amended, of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the end that legislation be adopted precisely as follows, except for clerical or editorial changes of form only:

**PETITION FOR A SPECIAL LAW RE:  
AN ACT CONCERNING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF CITY COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE**

*Section 1.* Section 15 of chapter 452 of the acts of 1948 as most recently amended by section two of chapter 476 of the Acts of 2004, is hereby further amended by striking Section 15 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:-

If a vacancy occurs in the office of city councillor-at-large after three hundred and sixty-five days, there shall be a preliminary election for the purpose of nominating a councillor-at-large. The city clerk shall forthwith notify the city council thereof; and at the first city council meeting after the notice has been read, the city council shall forthwith adopt an order calling for a special preliminary election for the purpose of nominating a councillor-at-large for the unexpired term, which election shall be held on a Tuesday, not less than sixty-two nor more than seventy-six days after the adoption of such order, as the city council shall in such order fix.

*Section 2.* The provisions of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Section 3.* If any of the above sections are determined to not be constitutional under the law, the remainder of the provisions shall remain valid.

Filed in Council: February 6, 2019

