

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3557**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Aaron Vega*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing a four year term for the office of City Councilor of the city of Holyoke.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Aaron Vega*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*5th Hampden*

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By Mr. Vega of Holyoke, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3557) of Aaron Vega (with the approval of the mayor and city council) that the city of Holyoke be authorized to establish a four year terms for the office of city councilor of said city. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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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: At the municipal election to be held in the City of Holyoke in the year  
2 2017 and in every other odd-numbered year thereafter, the City Council to be elected thereat  
3 shall hold office for four (4) years from the first Monday in January next following their election  
4 and until their successors are elected and qualified.

5 SECTION 2: So much of Chapter 438 of the Acts of the year 1896, as appearing in  
6 Chapter 189 of the Acts of the year 1992, and any acts in amendment thereof and in addition  
7 thereto, as are inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

8 SECTION 3: This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of the City  
9 of Holyoke by the City Clerk placing the following question on the official ballot to be used in  
10 the City of Holyoke at the regular municipal election to be held in the year 2015:

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

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

16           SECTION 4: The city solicitor shall prepare a fair, concise summary and purpose of the  
17 law to appear with the question no later than 60 days before the election in accordance with  
18 section 58A of chapter 54 of the General Laws.

19           SECTION 5: The General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to  
20 the bill, unless the Mayor and City Council approve amendments before enactment by the  
21 General Court. The Mayor and City Council are hereby authorized to approve amendments  
22 which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

23           SECTION 6: This act shall take effect upon its passage.