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This pamphlet, prepared by the Board of Election Commissioners, is intended to present a compilation of the laws now in force relating to the qualification, assessment, naturalization, and registration of voters, and conduct of caucuses and elections, and applying to the city of Boston. As a rule the laws have been here transcribed without change, but sections from different statutes bearing upon the same point have been thrown into one section; and sentences and paragraphs have been omitted when not affecting the city of Boston.

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# DIGEST OF LAWS

RELATING TO THE

## Qualification, Assessment, Naturalization, and Registration of Voters

AND THE

### CONDUCT OF CAUCUSES AND ELECTIONS IN BOSTON.

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#### TITLE I.

##### GENERAL PROVISIONS.

1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the Election Act of Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-Three. Election act of 1893.

2. Terms used in this act and in statutes relating to elections shall have application as hereinafter set forth, unless other meaning is clearly apparent from the language or context, or from the manifest intent. 1893, c. 417, § 1.

The term "state election," shall apply to any election held for the choice of a national, state, district, or county officer, by the qualified voters, whether for a full term or for the filling of a vacancy; and the term "state officer," shall apply to any person to be chosen by the qualified voters at such an election. The term "city election," shall apply to any election held in a city for the choice of a city officer, by the qualified voters, whether for a full term or for the filling of a vacancy; and the term "city officer," shall apply to any person to be chosen by the Certain terms defined. Ibid. § 2.

qualified voters at such an election. . . . The term "election," shall also apply to the taking of a vote upon a proposed amendment to the constitution upon the question of granting licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in a city, . . . and upon any other question submitted by statute to the vote of the people. The term "caucus," shall apply to any public meeting of qualified voters of a ward of a city, . . . or of a representative district, held for the nomination of a candidate for election, for the selection of delegates to a political convention, or for the appointment of a political committee, under this act. The term "election officer," shall apply to wardens, clerks, inspectors and ballot clerks, and, when on duty, to the deputies of any such officers. . . . The term "presiding officer," shall apply to the warden, . . . in charge of a polling place at an election, or, in case of the absence of any such superior officer, to the deputy warden or the clerk or senior inspector . . . present, who shall have charge of a polling place in the absence of such superior officer. The term "polling place," shall apply to the room or place provided in a . . . voting precinct of a city . . . within which an election is held.

Persons receiving highest number of votes to be deemed elected, etc.  
1893, c. 417,  
§ 3.

3. In all elections of civil officers by the people, the person receiving the highest number of votes for an office shall be deemed and declared to be elected to such office; and if two or more persons are to be elected to the same office, the several persons, up to the number to be chosen to such office, receiving the highest number of votes, shall be deemed and declared to be elected; but if two or more persons receive the same number of votes, they shall not be deemed to be elected if thereby a greater number would be elected than are by law to be chosen to such office.

Elections in cities to be held on Tuesdays, etc.  
Ibid. § 4.

4. All elections in cities which by any statute are appointed to be held on a Monday, shall be held on the Tuesday next succeeding such Monday.

5. In reckoning the number of days in a period of time allowed or required by the provisions of this act and

of other statutes relative to elections, Sundays and holidays shall be included; except that, if a period of time follows a certain day, act, or event, and the final day of such period falls on a Sunday or a holiday, then the day succeeding such Sunday or holiday shall be considered the final day of the period; and, if a period of time precedes a certain day, act, or event, and the first day of such period falls on a Sunday or a holiday, then the day preceding such Sunday or holiday shall be considered the first day of the period.

Reckoning  
time in  
election  
laws.  
1893, c. 417,  
§ 5.

6. Indians residing within this Commonwealth shall, as citizens thereof, have all the rights, privileges and immunities, and be subject to all the duties and liabilities, to which all other citizens of the Commonwealth are entitled and subject.

Indians as  
citizens,  
rights,  
privileges,  
etc.  
Ibid. § 6.

7. No person entitled to vote at a state election shall, upon the day of any such election, be employed in any manufacturing, mechanical, or mercantile establishment, except such establishment as may lawfully conduct its business on Sunday, during the period of two hours after the opening of the polls in the voting precinct or town in which he is entitled to vote, if he shall make application for leave of absence during such period.

Time to be  
allowed for  
voting of  
employees.  
Ibid. § 7.

8. Assessors, the board of election commissioners and other officers, who are required by law to post lists and notices relating to elections, shall post all such lists and notices at or as near as may be to the places in which voting lists are required to be posted by the provisions of section sixty-four of chapter four hundred and seventeen of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-three (sixty-two of this digest).

Places for  
posting  
lists and  
notices.  
Ibid. § 8.

9. No common victualler having a license of the first, second, or third class mentioned in section ten of chapter one hundred of the Public Statutes, for the sale of intoxicating liquors under the provisions of said chapter, and no person other than a wholesale druggist, having a license therefor of the fourth or fifth class mentioned in said section ten, shall sell, give away, or deliver on the licensed premises any such liquors on the day on which a state, city, or annual town election is held in the city

Sale, etc.,  
of intoxicat-  
ing liquors  
on election  
days.  
Ibid. § 9.