

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 107

Approved March 5, 1970

RESOLVED, that the City Solicitor is hereby requested to urge passage by the General Assembly of an Act to reapportion by ordinance by the City Council the boundaries of the thirteen wards of the City of Providence following each federal decennial census in such a manner as will as nearly as possible result in compact, contiguous wards of substantially equal population, and for an Act to provide for the termination, reorganization and appointment by the city chairmen of each political party of ward committee members in each of the thirteen wards, and further provided; that the subsequent ordinance adopted pursuant to the enabling legislation be in accordance with the map prepared by the special committee of the council on reapportionment and redistricting dated March 4, 1970. Said Acts shall be substantially in the form of the accompanying draft Acts attached hereto.

IN CITY COUNCIL

MAR 5 - 1970

READ and PASSED

*Russell J. Boyle*  
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*Vincent Despres*  
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Clerk

APPROVED

MAR 5 1970

*Russell J. Boyle*  
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MAYOR

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO AUTHORIZE  
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE TO  
REAPPORTION THE BOUNDARIES  
OF THE THIRTEEN WARDS

SPECIAL  
THE COMMITTEE ON TO STUDY AND REPORT ON THE  
REAPPORTIONMENT AND THE REDISTRICTING OF ALL  
WARDS  
Approves Passage of  
The Within Resolution

*Wm. V. Vesper*  
Chairman  
March 3, 1970  
*Clerk*

*Councilman*

# State of Rhode Island, &c.

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 1970

### AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 9 OF CHAPTER 832 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS 1940 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REVISE, CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND CHAPTER 598 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS OF 1866 ENTITLED 'AN ACT TO REVISE CONSOLIDATE AND AMEND THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE," AND THE SEVERAL ACTS IN ADDITION THERETO AND IN AMENDMENT THEREOF,' AND THE SEVERAL ACTS IN ADDITION THERETO AND IN AMENDMENT THEREOF."

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 832 of the public laws 1940 entitled "An act to revise, consolidate and amend chapter 598 of the public laws of 1866 entitled 'An act to revise consolidate and amend the act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Providence," and the several acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof,' and the several acts in addition thereto and in amendment thereof" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

"SEC. 9. Elective Officers. -

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"Forthwith after the effective date of this act and thereafter in the first year following the report of each federal decennial census commencing with the census of 1970 the city council shall by ordinance alter the boundaries of said thirteen wards, if need be, in such manner as will as nearly as possible result in compact, contiguous wards of substantially equal population as determined by the census next preceding such redistricting, provided that in the case of the redistricting directed to immediately follow the effective date of this act the basis of such redistricting shall be the census authorized by the resolution of the general assembly passed at the January session, 1965 numbered 43 and entitled 'Resolution evaluating a special commission to draft and report an act to reapportion the general assembly, and to perform the necessary functions incident to drafting such an act,' as amended."

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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AND THE SEVERAL ACTS IN  
ADDITION THERETO AND IN  
AMENDMENT THEREOF."

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*Presented by*

# State of Rhode Island, &c.

## IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A. D. 19 70

### AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE QUADRENNIAL ELECTION OF  
WARD COMMITTEES IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE,  
ABOLISHING THE PRESENT WARD COMMITTEES  
IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE AND PROVIDING FOR  
THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT THEREOF.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

SECTION 1. Sections 17-12-6 and 17-12-9 of the general laws in chapter 17-12 entitled "Party committees and conventions" as amended, are hereby amended to read as follows:

"17-12-6. Election of town and ward committees. - The party voters of each political party in each ward of each of the cities of the state shall, biennially, in every even year, at the primary election held to nominate party candidates, elect a ward committee for each such ward, provided, however, that the ward committees in the city of Providence shall be elected quadrennially, and the party voters of each political party in each of the towns of the state shall biennially at said primary election elect a town committee for such town."

"17-12-9. Organization of city, town and district committees - Officers - Lists of officers and members. - All city, town and district committees shall organize biennially in the month of January in every odd year, provided, however, that the city committee of the city of Providence shall organize quadrennially.

Each city committee organized under this section may elect not exceeding three (3) officers outside its membership from among the voters of the same political party in said city, and such officers shall, by virtue of their election, become members of the city committee and shall hold office until the next organization meeting of said committee.

Each city committee, each town committee and each district committee, within ten (10) days, after its organization, shall file with the secretary of state and with the local board, a list of its officers and members."

SEC. 2. The ward committees of the several wards of the city of Providence in office on the effective date of this act shall not thereafter exercise any powers of nomination or endorsement of candidates for city council, except for an election for councilman prior to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1970, but the chairman of the city committee of each political party forthwith upon the passage of this act shall appoint the members of a ward committee for each of the several wards of the city of Providence. Such ward committee members, so appointed shall hold office until the primary election in 1970 and thereafter until their successors shall have been duly elected, qualified and organized.

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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## AN ACT

PROVIDING FOR THE QUADRENNIAL  
ELECTION OF WARD COMMITTEES  
IN THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE,  
ABOLISHING THE PRESENT WARD  
COMMITTEES IN THE CITY OF  
PROVIDENCE AND PROVIDING FOR  
THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT THEREOF.

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*Presented by*

Department of City Clerk

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 1970

TO: Chairman John Ferreira Board of Canvassers and Registration

SUBJECT: REAPPORTIONMENT MAP OF THE THIRTEEN WARDS OF THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE

CONSIDERED BY: Special Committee to Reapportion and Redistrict All Wards  
of the City

DISPOSITION: Accompanying is subject Map redistricting the Thirteen  
Wards of the City of Providence.

Received of Vincent Vespa, City Clerk, above noted Map.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REAPPORTIONMENT

AND REDISTRICTING

ANTHONY SCIARRETTA, CHAIRMAN

MARCH 4, 1970