

**Massachusetts House of Representatives
Bill Summary**

Bill #: H.4253

Title: An Act relative to elected terms and municipal years

Sponsor: Rep. Daniel Ryan

Committee: Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government

Hearing Date: July 29, 2025

Current Law:

Section 8 of chapter 452 of the acts of 1948 states that Boston elected terms shall terminate at 10am on the first Monday of January.

Section 9 of said chapter 452 states that Boston municipal terms begin and terminate on the first Monday of January.

Summary:

Section 1 amends Section 8 of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 by changing the term start date to be the first weekday after the second day in January.

Sections 2 and 3 amend Section 9 of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948 by changing the term start and end dates to be the first weekday after the second day in January.

Section 4 states that this bill shall go into effect on January 5, 2026.

Notes:

Approved by vote of 11 yeas and 2 nays in City Council meeting dated March 20, 2024.
Approved by the mayor on March 25, 2024.

Under H.4253, the inaugural date of the forthcoming Boston municipal term will be January 5, 2026.