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CHARTER*

**PLAN B.—GOVERNMENT BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ELECTED BY DISTRICTS
AND AT LARGE**

§ 55. Approval or veto by mayor of measures, etc.; overriding veto

Every order, ordinance, resolution and vote relative to the affairs of the city, adopted or passed by the city council, shall be presented to the mayor for his approval. If he approves it he shall sign it; if he disapproves it he shall return it, with his written objections, to the city council, which shall enter the objections at large on its records, and again consider it. If the city council, notwithstanding such disapproval of the mayor, shall again pass such order, ordinance, resolution or vote by a two-thirds vote of all its members, it shall then be in force, but such vote shall not be taken for seven days after its return to the city council. Every such order, ordinance, resolution and vote shall be in force if not returned by the mayor within ten days after it has been presented to him. This section shall not apply to budgets submitted under section thirty-two of chapter forty-four or to appropriations by a city council under section thirty-three of said chapter.

§ 56. Plan B

The method of city government provided for in the eight following sections shall be known as Plan B.

Amended St.1937, c. 224, § 2.

§ 57. Operative date of plan

Upon the adoption by a city of Plan B, it shall become operative as provided in sections one to forty-five, inclusive.

§ 58. Mayor as chief executive officer; election; tenure

There shall be a mayor, elected by and from the qualified voters of the city, who shall be the chief executive officer of the city. He shall hold office for the term of two years from the first Monday in January following his election and until his successor is qualified.

§ 59. City council; number; election; tenure

The legislative powers of the city shall be vested in a city council. One of its members shall be elected by the council annually as its president. In cities having more

*Editor's note—The Plan B Charter of the city, consisting of M.G.L.A. c. 43, §§ 56—63, was adopted at an election on Nov. 8, 1938, to be effective Jan. 2, 1939. Said sections are set out herein. Prior thereto the city operated under a charter enacted by the legislature as Ch. 60, Acts of 1847, as amended, which charter has not been repealed.



§ 60. Appointments by mayor subject to confirmation; exceptions

Upon the adoption of Plan B, all heads of departments and members of municipal boards, except the school committee, officials appointed by the governor, and assessors if elected by the people, as their terms of office expire, shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the city council; but the city solicitor shall be appointed, and may be removed, by the mayor, without confirmation by the city council. This section shall apply to the city solicitor in office when Plan B becomes operative.

§ 61. Removals

The mayor may, with the approval of a majority of the members of the city council, remove the head of a department or member of a board before the expiration of his term of office, except members of the school committee, officials appointed by the governor, and assessors if elected by the people. The person so removed shall receive a copy of the reasons for his removal, and he may, if he desires, contest the same before the city council. He may be represented by counsel at the hearing.

§ 62. Repealed by St.1952, c. 259, § 3.**§ 63. Approval and veto offer of mayor**

Section fifty-five shall apply to cities which adopt Plan B.

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