

HOUSE No. 369

By Mr. Bowker of Brookline, petition of the Massachusetts Town Clerk's Association and others for legislation relative to the records to be kept in the general registers of voters in cities and towns. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RECORDS TO BE KEPT IN THE
GENERAL REGISTERS OF VOTERS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

*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 thirty-six of chapter fifty-one of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as most recently amended by section
3 twenty-four of chapter four hundred and fifty-three
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, is
5 hereby further amended by inserting after the word
6 "place" in the seventh line, as appearing in section
7 twelve of chapter two hundred and fifty-four of the
8 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, the words:
9 — and date, — so as to read as follows:— *Section*
10 *36.* They shall keep in general registers, records of
11 all persons registered as qualified to vote in the city
12 or town. They shall enter therein the name of every
13 such voter written in full, or instead thereof the sur-
14 name and first Christian name or that name by which
15 he is generally known, written in full, and the initial

16 of every other name which he may have, and also his
 17 age, place and date of birth and residence on January
 18 first preceding or at the time of becoming an inhabi-
 19 tant of the city or town after said day, the date of his
 20 registration and his residence at such date, his occu-
 21 pation and the place thereof, the name and location of
 22 the court which has issued to him letters of naturaliza-
 23 tion and the date thereof, if he is a naturalized citizen,
 24 and any other particulars necessary to identify him
 25 fully. Except in Boston, the general registers shall
 26 have uniform headings in substantially the following
 27 form, and blank books suitable for the purpose shall
 28 be provided at cost by the state secretary to regis-
 29 trars applying therefor:

When Registered.	Name.	Signature of Applicant.	Residence January 1, or Subsequent Date.	Age.	Date and Place of Birth.	Occupation.	Place of Occupation.	Minutes of Naturalization, Court issuing Letters and Date of Naturalization.	Residence at Date of Registration.	Remarks.

30 There shall be added in the above column desig-
 31 nated "Remarks" such information pertaining to the
 32 status of a married woman and of a person claiming
 33 derivative citizenship as the registrars deem of value.