

SENATE No. 355

To accompany the petition of Obert Sletten relative to poll taxes.
Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Poll Taxes.

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 1. Section one of chapter twelve of the
2 Revised Laws of Massachusetts is hereby amended
3 by striking out the word "two", in the first line,
4 and inserting instead thereof the word:— five,—
5 so as to read as follows:— *Section 1.* A poll tax
6 of five dollars shall be assessed on every male in-
7 habitant of the commonwealth above the age of
8 twenty years, whether a citizen of the United States
9 or an alien.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph ten of section five of
2 chapter twelve of the Revised Laws of Massachu-
3 setts is hereby amended by adding thereto the fol-
4 lowing:— Polls shall be further abated in full to

5 all persons who shall participate in all elections
6 held within the city or town in which said person
7 is assessed. Where more than one election is held
8 in city or town during the year said polls shall be
9 abated in an amount which shall be ascertained by
10 dividing the assessed poll tax by the number of
11 elections held during the preceding year in said
12 city or town. As evidence of having voted in any
13 or all state, city or town elections, the city or town
14 clerk of each city or town shall provide a printed
15 card signed by him stating the date of the election
16 at which it was issued and such other facts as may
17 be deemed proper, which printed card shall be
18 given to each voter immediately after he shall have
19 deposited his ballot in the ballot box. Election offi-
20 cers and city and town clerks shall be chargeable
21 with the duty of carrying out the provisions of this
22 act. City and town treasurers shall receive said
23 cards in abatement of polls assessed within their
24 city or town.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect thirty days
2 after its passage.