

By Mr. Birmingham of Boston, petition of Charles H. McGlue relative to the dropping of names from voting lists by city and town clerks and boards of registrars. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine.

An Act to prevent Registered Voters in Cities and Towns from being unnecessarily dropped from the Voting Lists.

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. City and town clerks in cities
2 and towns where they act as clerk of the board
3 of registrars of voters, and in all other cities
4 and towns, the clerk of the board of election
5 commissioners, shall annually prepare lists
6 showing the names and addresses of all those
7 voters on the preceding year's voting lists
8 whose names do not appear on the lists fur-
9 nished them by the assessors or the police
10 department for the makeup of the current
11 year's voting list.

1 SECTION 2. These lists shall be prepared as
2 soon after April first as possible, and the city
3 or town clerk or clerk of the board of election

4 commissioners shall submit the same forthwith
5 in cities where the assessors do the listing, to
6 the department of police and in cities and
7 towns where the listing is done by the police
8 department, to the board of assessors.

1 SECTION 3. Upon receipt of these lists by
2 the department of police or board of assessors
3 in the various cities and towns, it shall be the
4 duty of these departments and boards to have
5 an investigation made at once to determine
6 whether or not the voter was still living at the
7 same address on April first, or in case of re-
8 moval, if the voter was still a resident of the
9 same city or town to find out if possible what
10 his or her address was on April first of the
11 current year.

1 SECTION 4. The result of this investigation
2 shall then be transmitted to the boards of regis-
3 trars or election commissioners and the annual
4 register when prepared, shall contain the
5 names of all qualified voters in the respective
6 city or town.

