

HOUSE No. 1176

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 24, 1930.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the nomination of candidates at preliminary elections in the city of Taunton (House, No. 1047), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying Bill (House, No. 1176).

For the committee,

A. B. CASSON.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

An Act relative to the Nomination of Candidates at Preliminary Elections or Caucuses in the City of Taunton.

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 six of chapter four hundred
2 and forty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and
3 nine is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof
4 the following:—

5 In preparing the official ballots for a preliminary
6 election or caucus, blank spaces shall be left at the
7 end of each list of candidates for nomination for the
8 different offices equal to the number to be nominated
9 therefor, in which the voter may insert the name of
10 any person not printed on the ballot for whom he
11 desires to vote for nomination for such office.

12 The two persons receiving at a preliminary election
13 or caucus the highest number of votes for nomination
14 for an office shall, except as hereinafter provided, be
15 the sole candidates for that office whose names shall
16 be printed on the official ballot to be used at the
17 annual or special city election at which such office
18 is to be filled. If two or more persons are to be
19 elected to the same office at such annual or special
20 city election, the several persons in number equal to
21 twice the number so to be elected receiving at such

22 preliminary election or caucus the highest number of
23 votes for nomination for that office, or all such per-
24 sons, if less than twice the number of those so to be
25 elected, shall, except as hereinafter provided, be the
26 sole candidates for that office whose names shall be
27 printed on the official ballot to be used at such an-
28 nual or special city election. If the preliminary elec-
29 tion or caucus results in a tie vote among candidates
30 for nomination receiving the lowest number of votes,
31 which, but for said tie vote, would entitle a person
32 receiving the same to have his name printed upon
33 the official ballot for the annual or special city elec-
34 tion, all candidates participating in said tie vote
35 shall have their names printed upon the official ballot,
36 although in consequence there be printed thereon
37 candidates to a number exceeding twice the number
38 to be elected.

39 If at the expiration of the time for filing petitions
40 of candidates to be voted for at a preliminary elec-
41 tion or caucus not more than twice as many such
42 petitions have been filed with the city clerk for an
43 office as are to be elected to said office, the candi-
44 dates whose petitions have thus been filed shall be
45 deemed to have been nominated to said office and
46 their names shall be printed upon the official ballot
47 to be used at such annual or special city election,
48 and the city clerk shall not print said names upon
49 the ballot to be used at said preliminary election or
50 caucus, and no other nomination to said office shall
51 be made. If it shall appear that no names are to be
52 printed upon the official ballot to be used at a pre-
53 liminary election or caucus, such preliminary elec-
54 tion or caucus shall not be held.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and seventy-six
2 of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten is hereby
3 repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted for ac-
2 ceptance to the registered voters of the city of Taunton
3 at the annual city election in the current year in the
4 form of the following question which shall be placed
5 upon the official ballot to be used at said election:—
6 “Shall an act passed by the general court in the year
7 nineteen hundred and thirty, entitled ‘An Act rela-
8 tive to the nomination of candidates at preliminary
9 elections or caucuses in the city of Taunton’, be
10 accepted?” If a majority of the votes cast on said
11 question are in the affirmative, this act shall there-
12 upon take effect, but not otherwise.

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Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

FRANK E. BRIDGMAN, *Clerk.*