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By Mr. Farrell of Worcester, petition of Charles H. McGlue and Thomas F. Farrell for legislation to provide for party voting in state elections. Election Laws.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PARTY VOTING AT STATE ELECTIONS.

*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 77 of chapter 54 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out said section and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following section:—  
4 *Section 77.* The voter on receiving his ballot shall, without  
5 leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to one of the marking  
6 compartments, and shall, except in the case of voting for  
7 presidential electors, prepare his ballot by marking a cross  
8 (X) in the square at the right of the name of each candidate  
9 for whom he intends to vote, or by inserting the name and  
10 residence of such candidate in the space provided therefor  
11 and marking a cross (X) in the square at the right, or if he so  
12 selects, the voter may place a cross (X) in one of the circles  
13 at the top of the ballot, which circles are to be politically  
14 designated by the name or insignia of the legally established  
15 political parties in our commonwealth. A cross (X) in such a  
16 circle shall count as a vote for each candidate of that  
17 particular party that appears upon said ballot. These circles  
18 shall appear upon the ballot in the same order as that in  
19 which the gubernatorial candidates finished in the preceding  
20 state election, the party receiving the highest vote being in  
21 the first place, the party receiving the second largest vote

22 being in second place, et cetera. Upon a question submitted  
23 by the vote of the people, the voter shall prepare his ballot by  
24 marking a cross (X) in the square at the right of the answer  
25 which he intends to give.

1 SECTION 2. The same right to vote a straight party ticket,  
2 shall be given a voter who is using a voting machine, by  
3 providing for the use of a party-designated lever which when  
4 pulled down, will automatically cast a vote for each candi-  
5 date on the ballot of the party that the voter desires to  
6 support.