

By Mr. Galvin of Boston, petition of William F. Galvin for legislation to regulate the arrangement of names on ballots on voting machines. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT REGULATING THE ARRANGEMENT OF NAMES ON THE BALLOT ON VOTING MACHINES.

*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 33 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 131 of the acts of 1974, is hereby amended by  
3 striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following paragraph: —

5 On all voting machines to be used at state elections the names of  
6 the candidates for each office shall be arranged in such a way that  
7 the nominees of each political party will be listed in separate  
8 horizontal rows and all independent or unenrolled candidates will  
9 be listed in a separate horizontal row after the last row of party  
10 candidates. At state primaries separate voting machines may be  
11 used for the listing of names of candidates of each of the political  
12 parties; provided, that the number of machines to be used for each  
13 such party in each polling place shall be determined by the city or  
14 town clerk or election commissioners and notice of such determi-  
15 nation shall be sent to the state secretary not later than ninety days  
16 preceding the date of the primary.

