

HOUSE No. 1374

By Mr. Howard of Westminster, petition of J. Philip Howard relative to filing nomination papers for state primaries and extending the requirement for filing certificates of enrollment in the political party whose nomination is sought to candidates for Representative in Congress. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AMENDING THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS FOR STATE PRIMARIES AND EXTENDING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE FILING OF A CERTIFICATE OF ENROLLMENT IN THE POLITICAL PARTY WHOSE NOMINATION IS SOUGHT TO CANDIDATES FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The second paragraph of section forty-eight of
2 chapter fifty-three of the General Laws, as amended
3 by section three of chapter two hundred and seventy-
4 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is
5 hereby amended by inserting, after the word "nomina-
6 tion" in the second line, the words: — for representa-
7 tive in congress and, — so as to read as follows: —
8 There shall not be printed on the ballot at a state pri-
9 mary the name of any person as a candidate for nomi-
10 nation for representative in congress and for any office
11 to be filled by all the voters of the commonwealth.

12 unless a certificate from the registrars of voters of the
13 city or town where such person resides that he is
14 enrolled as a member of the political party whose
15 nomination he seeks is filed with the state secretary
16 on or before the last day herein provided for filing
17 nomination papers. Said registrars shall issue such a
18 certificate forthwith upon request of any such candi-
19 date so enrolled or of his authorized representative.