

HOUSE No. 113

Accompanying the first recommendation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (House, No. 112). Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STATE BALLOT LAW COMMISSION.

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 thirty-two of chapter six of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section one of
3 chapter four hundred and seventy-three of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby further
5 amended by striking out the second paragraph and
6 inserting in place thereof the following:—

7 The commission shall render a decision on any
8 matter referred to it, pertaining to certificates of
9 nomination or nomination papers for any presidential
10 or biennial state primaries or any biennial state elec-
11 tion or to withdrawals of nomination therefor not
12 later than fourteen days after the last day fixed for
13 filing objections to such certificates or papers or for
14 filing such withdrawals, as the case may be, under
15 chapter fifty-three. For any special state primary or
16 special state election the commission shall render a

17 decision not later than four days after the last day
18 fixed for filing objections or withdrawals, as the case
19 may be, under chapter fifty-three. In the event that
20 said commission fails to render within the aforesaid
21 period its decision on any matter so referred, the state
22 secretary shall, notwithstanding such failure, proceed
23 forthwith to cause to be printed the ballots for such
24 primaries or elections.