

By Mr. Morton of Fall River, petition of Hugh Morton that members of political parties be prohibited from entering their names in state primaries other than that of their own party. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TO PROHIBIT ANY MEMBER OF ANY POLITICAL PARTY FROM ENTERING HIS OR HER NAME IN ANY STATE PRIMARY OTHER THAN THAT OF HIS OR HER OWN PARTY.

*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 48 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 53 of the acts of  
3 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out the  
4 second and third paragraphs and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following paragraph:—

6 There shall not be printed on the ballot at a state  
7 primary the name of any person as a candidate for  
8 nomination for any office including United States  
9 senator and representative in congress, unless a cer-  
10 tificate from the registrars of voters of the city or town  
11 where such person resides that he is enrolled as a  
12 member of the political party whose nomination he  
13 seeks is filed with the secretary of state on or before the  
14 last day provided for filing nomination papers. Said  
15 registrars shall issue such a certificate forthwith upon  
16 the request of any such candidate so enrolled or his  
17 authorized representative.

