

HOUSE No. 1681

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1947.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the time within which certain reports, certificates of nomination, nomination papers and other papers pertaining to primaries and elections are required to be filed (House, No. 92), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1681).

For the committee,

ALLEN ROY KINGSTON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LIMITATIONS OF TIME FOR CERTAIN ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH ELECTIONS AND PRI- MARIES.

*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. The second paragraph of section 32 of
2 chapter 6 of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 43 of the acts of 1943, is hereby
4 further amended by striking out, in line 5, the words
5 "fourteen days" and inserting in place thereof the
6 words:— five o'clock in the afternoon on the four-
7 teenth day, — and by striking out, in line 12, the
8 words "four days" and inserting in place thereof the
9 words:— five o'clock in the afternoon on the fourth
10 day, — so as to read as follows:— The commission
11 shall render a decision on any matter referred to it,
12 pertaining to certificates of nomination or nomination
13 papers for any presidential or biennial state primaries
14 or any biennial state election or to withdrawals of
15 nomination therefor, not later than five o'clock in the
16 afternoon on the fourteenth day after the last day
17 fixed for filing objections to such certificates or papers
18 or for filing such withdrawals, as the case may be, under
19 chapter fifty-three. The commission shall render a

20 decision on any matter referred to it, pertaining to cer-
21 tificates of nomination or nomination papers for any
22 special state primary or special state election or to
23 withdrawals of nomination therefor, not later than
24 five o'clock in the afternoon on the fourth day after
25 the last day fixed for filing objections to such certifi-
26 cates or papers or for filing such withdrawals, as the
27 case may be, under chapter fifty-three. In the event
28 that said commission fails to render its decision within
29 the time herein required on any matter so referred,
30 the state secretary shall, notwithstanding such fail-
31 ure, proceed forthwith to cause to be printed the
32 ballots for such primaries or elections.

1 SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 50 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is
3 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the
4 following paragraph: —

5 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers
6 and other papers pertaining to primaries and elections
7 required by law to be filed on or before a specified day
8 shall be filed not later than five o'clock in the after-
9 noon on said day.

