

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1683

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, January 28, 1947.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the order of names of candidates on official ballots for use at presidential primaries (House, No. 95), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1683).

For the committee,

ALLAN ROY KINGSTON.

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

AN ACT RESTRICTING THE NUMBER OF TIMES THE NAME OF A PERSON MAY APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ANY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY AS A CANDIDATE FOR DELEGATE OR ALTERNATE DELEGATE TO A NATIONAL CONVENTION.

*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 70E of chapter 53 of the General Laws,  
2 inserted by section 21 of chapter 473 of the acts of  
3 1938, is hereby amended by inserting before the last  
4 sentence the following new sentence:—The name  
5 of any person shall not be printed on the official  
6 ballot for any presidential primary as a candidate  
7 for the office of delegate to a national convention  
8 and as a candidate for the office of alternate dele-  
9 gate thereto nor more than once as a candidate  
10 for either of such offices, — so as to read as follows:—  
11 *Section 70E.* The state secretary shall cause to be  
12 placed on the official ballot for use at presidential  
13 primaries, under separate headings, and in the follow-  
14 ing order, the names of candidates for delegates at  
15 large, alternate delegates at large, district delegates  
16 and alternate district delegates to national con-  
17 ventions. The names of candidates appearing in  
18 nomination papers containing nominations for all the

19 places to be filled shall be placed first on said ballot  
20 arranged in groups and in the same order as in the  
21 nomination papers. The order in which the groups  
22 shall appear shall be determined by lot in the manner  
23 provided in section thirty-four and each group of  
24 candidates for alternate delegates shall immediately  
25 follow the particular group of delegates with which it is  
26 affiliated. The names of candidates appearing in  
27 nomination papers containing nominations for less  
28 than all the places to be filled shall follow, alphabeti-  
29 cally arranged. The ballot shall also contain a state-  
30 ment of the preference, if any, of each candidate for  
31 delegate as to a candidate for nomination for president,  
32 provided that such statement appears in his monina-  
33 tion papers; but no such statement of preference  
34 by any candidate for delegate shall appear upon the  
35 ballot unless such candidate for nomination for  
36 president files his written assent thereto with the  
37 state secretary on or before five o'clock in the after-  
38 noon of the last day for filing nomination papers.  
39 Such assent may be communicated by telegraph.  
40 The name of any person shall not be printed on the  
41 official ballot for any presidential primary as a candi-  
42 date for the office of delegate to a national convention  
43 and as a candidate for the office of alternate delegate  
44 thereto nor more than once as a candidate for either  
45 of such offices. Said secretary shall also place on  
46 said ballot the names of candidates for state, ward  
47 and town committees.

