

HOUSE No. 669

By Mr. Johnson of Brockton, petition of Adolph Johnson that provision be made for party nominations of candidates for elective municipal officers in cities adopting standard form of city charters. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PARTY NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE MUNICIPAL OFFICERS IN CITIES ADOPTING THE STANDARD FORMS OF CHARTERS.

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 8 of chapter 43 of the General Laws, as
2 amended by section 4 of chapter 459 of the acts of
3 1948, is hereby amended by inserting after the first
4 paragraph the following new paragraph:—

5 If the petitioners so request in the petition the
6 question of party nominations of candidates for
7 elective municipal officers shall be added and sub-
8 mitted to the voters together with the question of
9 adoption of the new form of government, and the two
10 questions shall be designated on the ballot as “Ques-
11 tion 1” and “Question 2”, question 2 to be submitted
12 in the following form:—“If the plan as proposed
13 under question 1 is adopted, shall the candidates for
14 elective municipal officers in this city be nominated

15 by party primaries?" If the majority of the voters
16 voting thereon vote in the affirmative, nominations
17 of candidates for elective municipal officers shall there-
18 after be made by nomination papers as provided in
19 section six of chapter fifty-three and by political
20 parties in primaries held in accordance with the pro-
21 visions of sections twenty-three to forty A and fifty-
22 seven to sixty-four, all inclusive, of said chapter
23 fifty-three, and so much of section sixteen as provides
24 that no primary or caucus for municipal officers shall
25 be held and the provisions of sections forty-four A to
26 forty-five, inclusive, of this chapter shall not apply to
27 such city. This paragraph shall not apply to Plan E.