

HOUSE No. 1706

By Mr. Folsom of Lynn (by request) petition of Frank T. Whittier for legislation to require removal of political posters and other material after primaries and elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REMOVAL OF POLITICAL POSTERS
AND OTHER MATERIAL AFTER PRIMARIES OR ELECTIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the
same, as follows:*

1 Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law,
2 every person who posts, or causes to be posted,
3 political placards posters, stickers, literature, signs
4 or any other printed or written material urging or
5 suggesting action to be taken by the voters at any
6 state or municipal primary or election, whether regu-
7 lar or special, on any fence, building, tree, post or
8 other place within the view of the public, shall, not
9 later than thirty days following such primary or
10 election, remove the same or cause such removal, in
11 such a manner as to leave such fence, building, tree,
12 post or other place in the same condition as it was
13 prior to such posting. Any candidate for political
14 office whose election or nomination is urged or sug-
15 gested by such posted material, and any person whose

16 name appears thereon, shall be deemed to have caused
17 the same to be posted, within the meaning of this act.
18 Any such person who fails to remove or cause the
19 removal of such material within five days after
20 notice from the head of the local police department
21 that the same should be removed, which such notice
22 shall be given not earlier than twenty-five nor later
23 than thirty days after such primary or election, shall
24 be punished by a fine of five hundred dollars.