

HOUSE No. 2308

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 1949.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 446) of John J. Fitzgerald relative to shortening the period during which voting machines must be sealed and locked after preliminary elections in cities, report the accompanying bill (House No. 2308).

For the committee,

WILLIAM E. McNAMARA.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT SHORTENING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH VOTING MACHINES MUST BE SEALED AND LOCKED AFTER PRIMARY OR PRELIMINARY ELECTIONS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

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 135A of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 142 of the Acts of
3 1945, is hereby further amended by inserting after
4 the first sentence as now appearing the following: —
5 All voting machines used in a city or town primary or
6 preliminary election shall remain locked and sealed
7 for the period of ten days next succeeding the date
8 of such primary or preliminary election after which
9 time the voting machines may be unsealed and un-
10 locked and made available for preparation for use in
11 the succeeding election; provided, that the registrars
12 of voters upon receipt of a petition for a recount under
13 section one hundred and thirty-five shall proceed to
14 inspect, examine, record and do such other things as
15 are hereinafter provided for at elections.