

HOUSE No. 859

By Mr. Williams of Concord, petition of David B. Williams for legislation relative to candidates for, or persons accepting, nomination at state primaries. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CANDIDATES FOR, OR PERSONS ACCEPTING, NOMINATIONS AT A STATE PRIMARY.

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

1 Chapter 53 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 48, as most recently amended
3 by chapter 332 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 48.* All nomination papers of candidates to
6 be voted for at state primaries shall be filed with the
7 state secretary on or before the seventh Tuesday pre-
8 ceding the day of the primaries; except in the case of
9 primaries before special elections, when nomination
10 papers shall be filed on or before the second Tuesday
11 preceding the day of the primaries.

12 There shall not be printed on the ballot at a state
13 primary the name of any person as a candidate for
14 nomination for any office to be filled by all the voters
15 of the commonwealth, or for councillor or representa-
16 tive in congress, unless a certificate from the registrars

17 of voters of the city or town wherein such person is a
18 registered voter that he is enrolled as a member of the
19 political party whose nomination he seeks is filed with
20 the state secretary on or before the last day herein pro-
21 vided for filing nomination papers. Said registrars
22 shall issue such a certificate forthwith upon request of
23 any such candidate so enrolled or of his authorized rep-
24 resentative.

25 There shall not be printed on the ballot at a state
26 primary the name of any person as a candidate for
27 nomination for the office of county commissioner or
28 senator or representative to the general court unless
29 a certificate from the registrars of voters of the city
30 or town wherein such person is a registered voter stat-
31 ing that he is enrolled as a member of a political party,
32 giving the name of the party, or stating that he is not
33 enrolled in any political party, as the case may be, is
34 filed with the state secretary on or before the last day
35 herein provided for the filing of nomination papers.
36 Said registrars shall forthwith issue such a certificate
37 upon request of any such candidate or of his authorized
38 representative. Against the name of any such candi-
39 date on the ballot shall be printed the name of the
40 party of which he is an enrolled member or, if he is
41 not enrolled in any party, the word "unenrolled".