

HOUSE No. 1215

By Mr. Reilly of Boston (by request), petition of the Civic Association of Dorchester and others for the imposition of a fine for failure to vote on election day except in cases of sickness or absences on said day. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO IMPOSE A FINE OF FIVE (5) DOLLARS FOR NOT VOTING ON ELECTION DAY EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF SICKNESS OR ABSENCE FROM THE CITY.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose which is to impose a fine
3 for failure to vote on election day, therefore, it is
4 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
5 for the immediate preservation of the public con-
6 venience.

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

1 Whoever, being a qualified voter, fails to vote on
2 election day shall be punished by a fine of five dollars;
3 provided, however, that this act shall not apply to
4 persons who fail to so vote for a just cause, or absence
5 from the city, or because of sickness, or the like, if
6 within thirty days after such election such person
7 files a notarized statement of such cause with the
8 election department of the city or town in which he
9 is a voter.

The Government of Pennsylvania

IN SENATE, January 15, 1881.

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