

HOUSE No. 1702

By Mr. Spurr of Boston, petition of Richard Stone that provision be made for the holding of registration sessions by registrars of voters in certain factories and institutions. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION SESSIONS IN FACTORIES AND INSTITUTIONS.

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 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by inserting after section 42A, as most recently
3 amended by section 2 of chapter 196 of the acts of
4 1946, the following section:—
5 *Section 42B.* Ten or more persons claiming to have
6 the qualifications for voting in any city or town, who
7 are employed or live at a factory, mill, hospital or
8 other establishment or institution, public or private,
9 may petition, in writing, to the registrars of voters of
10 such city or town for the holding of a registration
11 session at such factory, mill, hospital or other estab-
12 lishment or institution in the manner hereinafter pro-
13 vided. Petitions for the holding of a registration ses-
14 sion under this section shall be made on forms pro-

15 vided by said registrars and worded substantially as
16 follows:—

*To the Registrars of Voters or Election Commissioners of the City
or Town of.....*

The undersigned hereby petition for the holding of a registra-
tion session at.....
(Name and address of establishment or institution)

on.....
(Three alternative dates except Sundays or holidays)

during the hours.....
(Not more than four hours)

and..... The undersigned are
(Not more than four hours.)

employed or live at the said.....
(Name of establishment or institution)

and each believes that he has the qualifications for voting in
said city or town and desires to be registered as a voter.

Signed under the penalties of perjury.

(Date)

(Residence, street and number)

(Name)

17 The form of petition herein set forth when com-
18 pleted shall, not later than the thirtieth day before
19 the last day for registration of voters preceding the
20 biennial state primary or the biennial state election,
21 as the case may be, be returned by mail to the regis-
22 trars of voters of the city or town to which such peti-
23 tion is made. Petitions received after said thirtieth
24 day in each case shall not be acted upon.

25 The registrars shall seasonably, after receipt of
26 such petition, delegate two registrars, assistant regis-
27 trars or absent registration officers, equally repre-
28 senting the two leading political parties, to hold a
29 registration session, in the manner provided by this
30 chapter, at the establishment or institution named in
31 the petition on one of the dates and during the hours
32 therein named.