

HOUSE No. 2174

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 11, 1952.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 115) of Charles Iannello, John E. Powers and another for legislation establishing the number of signatures required for nomination to the office of Governor or Senator in Congress, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2174).

For the committee,

JAMES C. BAYLEY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES
REQUIRED FOR NOMINATION TO STATE-WIDE OFFICES.

*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 44 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out said section 44 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 *Section 44.* The nomination of candidates for
5 nomination at state primaries shall be by nomination
6 papers. In the case of offices to be filled by all the
7 voters of the commonwealth such papers shall be
8 signed in the aggregate by at least twenty-five hun-
9 dred voters, not more than five hundred of the total
10 number required to be credited to any one county.
11 Such papers for all other offices to be filled at a state
12 election shall be signed by a number of voters equal
13 in the aggregate to five voters for each ward and
14 each town in the district or county, but in no case
15 shall more than two hundred and fifty be required.