

HOUSE No. 816

By Mr. Glaser of Malden, petition of Charles H. McGlue for legislation relative to complaints made under the illegal registration of voters statute. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PUT "TEETH" IN THE ILLEGAL REGISTRATION
STATUTE.

*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, section 48 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out of the first sentence the words
3 "shall examine into such complaint, and if satisfied that
4 there is sufficient ground therefor, they," — so that the
5 first sentence shall read as follows: —

6 *Section 48.* Upon complaint signed and sworn to by
7 a registered voter, and filed with the registrars at least
8 fourteen days in a city, or at least four days in a town,
9 before a primary, election or town meeting, stating that
10 the complainant has reason to believe and does believe
11 that a certain person by him therein named has been
12 illegally or incorrectly registered, and giving the reasons
13 for such belief, the registrars shall summon the person
14 complained of to appear before them at a certain place
15 and time before the next primary or election or town
16 meeting to answer to the matters set forth in the com-
17 plaint, and the substance of the complaint and a copy
18 of this and the following section shall be set forth in the
19 summons.

The Constitution of Massachusetts

In the Year 1780

As the People of the State have

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in

1. That the Executive Power shall be vested in a Governor, who shall hold Office for a Term of Years, to be determined by the People.
2. That the Legislative Power shall be vested in a Senate and House of Representatives.
3. That the Judicial Power shall be vested in a Supreme Court, and such other Courts as may be established by Law.
4. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Governor, and such other Officers as may be established by Law.
5. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Senate and House of Representatives.
6. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Council.
7. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Appeals.
8. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Sessions.
9. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Common Pleas.
10. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Criminal Causes.
11. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Admiralty.
12. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Chancery.
13. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Probate.
14. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Records.
15. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Exchequer.
16. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Requests.
17. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Wards and Children.
18. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Lunatics.
19. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Insane.
20. That the Electors shall have the sole and exclusive Right of Electing the Members of the Court of Idiots.