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By Mr. Zamparelli of Medford, petition of John F. Zamparelli for repealing certain provisions of law relative to state conventions of political parties. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATIVE TO STATE CONVENTIONS.

*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 1. Chapter 52 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 9, as amended by  
3 chapter 406 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 9.* The state committee shall fix the number  
6 of delegates to the state convention, not less than one  
7 for each ward and each town, to be chosen by the ward  
8 or town committee. City and town committees, respec-  
9 tively, shall fix the number of members of ward and  
10 town committees to be elected at the presidential pri-  
11 maries, not less than three nor more than thirty-five for  
12 each ward and each town. Notice of the number of com-  
13 mittee members to be elected shall be given by the city or  
14 town committee, as the case may be, to the state secre-  
15 tary on or before February first of the year in which  
16 such persons are to be elected. In case a city or town  
17 committee fails to fix the number of the members of a  
18 ward or town committee and to give such notice, the  
19 number of members of such ward or town committee to  
20 be elected shall not exceed ten. Upon the choice of  
21 delegates to a state convention the chairman of the ward

22 or town committee, as the case may be, shall notify in  
23 writing the chairman of the state committee of the  
24 respective party, who shall thereupon issue proper cer-  
25 tificates to the persons so chosen.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 53 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 54, as most recently  
3 amended by section 7 of chapter 406 of the acts of 1953,  
4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 54.* A political party may, upon the call of its  
6 state committee, but not earlier than one week nor later  
7 than two weeks after the holding of the primaries, hold  
8 a state convention for the purpose of adopting a plat-  
9 form, electing such number of members at large of the  
10 state committee as may be fixed by it, nominating presi-  
11 dential electors, and for such other purposes consistent  
12 with law as the state committee or the convention may  
13 determine. Such convention shall consist of the dele-  
14 gates chosen under section nine of chapter fifty-two,  
15 the members of the state committee, the United States  
16 senators from Massachusetts, who are members of the  
17 party, the nominees of the party for all offices to be filled  
18 at the state election, and in years in which no elections  
19 are held for such offices, the incumbents of those offices  
20 who are members of the party.

1 SECTION 3. Sections fifty-four C and fifty-four D of  
2 chapter fifty-three of the General Laws are hereby re-  
3 pealed.