

# HOUSE . . . . No. 2579

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 21, 1955.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2479) of Michael F. Skerry and Charles Gibbons for legislation relative to certificates of nominations, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2579).

For the committee,

CHARLES W. CAPRARO.

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

*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 26 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out in  
3 line 8, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 34 of the acts  
4 of 1947, the word "thirty-second" and inserting in place  
5 thereof the word: — twentieth, — so as to read as fol-  
6 lows: — *Section 26.* The registrars, for the purpose of  
7 registering voters in the manner hereinafter provided,  
8 shall hold such day and such evening sessions as the  
9 town by by-law or the city by ordinance shall prescribe,  
10 and such other sessions as they deem necessary; but,  
11 except as provided in sections thirty-four and fifty, there  
12 shall be no registration of voters between ten o'clock in  
13 the evening on the twentieth day preceding, and the day  
14 following, the biennial state primary, the presidential  
15 primary and the biennial state election, nor in any city  
16 between ten o'clock in the evening on the twentieth day  
17 preceding and the day following a city election, or a city  
18 primary or preliminary election, nor in any town be-  
19 tween ten o'clock in the evening on the twentieth day  
20 preceding and the day following the annual town meet-  
21 ing notwithstanding any contrary provision in any special  
22 law. If, however, a voter desiring to vote at a regular or  
23 special primary or election applies for registration during  
24 a period prior to such primary or election when registra-  
25 tion therefor is permitted by the provisions of this section  
26 relative to such primary or election but is prohibited by  
27 the provisions of this section relative to registration be-  
28 fore some earlier primary or election, he shall be regis-

29 tered if qualified and his name shall be placed on the  
30 voting lists for primaries and elections commencing with  
31 such later primary or election. The time and place of  
32 registration shall be the same for male and female appli-  
33 cants.

