
By Mr. Capraro of Boston (by request), petition of John C. Carr relative to the time within which notices must be sent for calling state conventions in state primaries and the signatures required to be obtained by certain candidates for nomination. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME NOTICES SHALL BE SENT FOR THE CALL OF A STATE CONVENTION IN STATE PRIMARIES, AND SIGNATURES TO BE OBTAINED BY CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATION.

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 53 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 44, as most recently
3 amended by section 5 of chapter 406 of the acts of 1953,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following section: —
5 *Section 44.* The nomination of candidates for nomina-
6 tion at state primaries shall be by nomination papers
7 or by endorsement for nomination by state convention
8 as provided in section fifty-four. In the case of offices
9 to be filled by all the voters of the commonwealth, nomi-
10 nation papers shall be signed in the aggregate by at least
11 twenty-five hundred voters, not more than five hundred
12 of the total number required to be from any one county.
13 Such papers for all other offices to be filled at a state
14 election shall be signed by a number of voters equal in
15 the aggregate to five voters for each ward and each town
16 in the district or county, but in no case shall more than
17 two hundred and fifty be required. The call for such a
18 convention shall be sent out not later than March first of

19 the year in which the convention is to be held, and shall
20 be binding upon the political party issuing the call. In
21 the event, however, that a state convention has duly
22 nominated candidates for offices to be filled by all the
23 voters of the commonwealth, other candidates for any
24 of the offices to be filled by all the voters in the common-
25 wealth shall be required to obtain nomination signatures
26 in the amount of ten thousand, and no more than one
27 third of this number shall be from any one county.

1 SECTION 2. Section 54 of said chapter 53, as most
2 recently amended by section 7 of chapter 406 of the acts
3 of 1953, is hereby further amended by adding after the
4 first sentence the following sentence:— After a state
5 convention has duly nominated candidates for offices to
6 be filled by all the voters of the commonwealth, other
7 candidates for any of the offices to be filled by all the
8 voters in the commonwealth shall be required to obtain
9 nomination signatures in the amount of ten thousand,
10 and no more than one third of this number shall be from
11 any one county.