
To accompany the petition of Arthur T. Shinnors and Philip G. Bowker for legislation relative to the contents of certificates of nomination and nomination papers. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONTENTS OF CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION AND NOMINATION PAPERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The first paragraph of section 8 of chapter 53 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as appearing in section 4 of chapter 334 of the
3 acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out, in
4 lines 6 and 7, the words "or political principle", — so as to
5 read as follows: — All certificates of nomination and nomina-
6 tion papers shall, in addition to the names of candidates,
7 specify as to each, (1) his residence, with street and number,
8 if any, (2) the office for which he is nominated, and (3), except
9 as otherwise provided in this section and in city charters, the
10 party, if any, which he represents, expressed in not more than
11 three words. Certificates of nomination made by conven-
12 tion or caucus shall also state what provision, if any, was made
13 for filling vacancies caused by the death, withdrawal or in-
14 eligibility of candidates. The surnames of the candidates for
15 president and vice president of the United States shall be
16 added to the party or political designation of the candidates
17 for presidential electors. To the name of each candidate for
18 alderman at large shall be added the number of the ward in
19 which he resides. To the name of a candidate for a town
20 office who is an elected incumbent thereof there may be
21 added the words "Candidate for Re-election".

to determine the position of James V. Thompson and Mr. J. B. Brown in
 relation to the question of candidates to whom it is recommended
 to give the honor.

The Commission of Investigation

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