

SENATE No. 187

To accompany the petition of Walter E. McLane relative to the arrangement of names of candidates for city and town committees on ballots. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Arrangement on the Ballot of the Names of Candidates for Ward and Town Committees.

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 thirty-four of chapter fifty-three of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word "office", in the eighth line, the
4 words:—and for ward or town committees,—
5 and by striking out, in the tenth line, the words
6 "for ward or town committees",— so that the
7 first two paragraphs of said section will read as
8 follows:— At the top of each ballot shall be
9 printed the words "Official ballot of the (here
10 shall follow the party name)". On the back of
11 each ballot when folded shall be printed the same

12 words, followed by the number of the precinct
13 and ward or the name of the town for which the
14 ballot is prepared, the date of the primary and for
15 state or presidential primaries a facsimile of the
16 signature of the state secretary and for city or
17 town primaries a facsimile of the signature of the
18 city or town clerk. Names of candidates for each
19 elective office and for ward or town committees
20 shall be arranged alphabetically according to their
21 surnames.

22 Names of candidates and for delegates to con-
23 ventions shall be arranged in groups in such order
24 as may be determined by lot, under the direction
25 of the state secretary, who shall notify each state
26 committee and give a representative of each such
27 committee an opportunity to be present. When
28 necessary, groups may be printed on the ballots
29 in two or more columns.

