

SENATE No. 116

To accompany the petition of Frank W. Grinnell that provision be made for more adequate and accurate official information as to the action of the voters under the Initiative and Referendum. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act to provide for More Adequate and Accurate Official Information as to the Action of the Voters under the Initiative and Referendum.

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. Section one hundred and fifteen
2 of chapter fifty-four of the General Laws is
3 hereby amended by inserting at the end of the
4 second sentence thereof the words:—and the
5 number of ballots cast at the election, on which
6 on any particular question submitted there was
7 no vote, such blank ballots on such questions to
8 be determined and tabulated as provided in sec-
9 tion one hundred and thirty-two of this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Section one hundred thirty-two
2 of said chapter fifty-four is hereby amended by
3 adding at the end thereof the words:—and a
4 tabulation under the heading “Blank Ballots”

5 of the number of persons returned as above
6 provided as having been checked on the voting
7 list at such election, who did not vote on a
8 particular question so submitted, such number
9 as to each question to be ascertained by sub-
10 tracting the total number of votes cast on such
11 question from the total number of voters checked
12 as shown by the returns made as above provided.

