

SENATE No. 171

To accompany the petition of Thomas M. Burke for legislation to restore political designations in municipal elections in the city of Boston. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for the Restoration of Political Party Designations in Municipal Elections in the City of Boston for Mayor, Councillors and Members of School Committee.

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. Beginning in the year nineteen
2 hundred and thirty-seven, a municipal primary
3 in the city of Boston shall take place biennially
4 in every odd numbered year on the Tuesday
5 after the first Monday in September, at which
6 time the different political parties recognized by
7 law shall nominate their candidates for the offices
8 to be filled at the election which shall be held
9 biennially in every odd numbered year on the
10 Tuesday after the first Monday in November.

1 SECTION 2. Rules and provisions of law ap-
2 plying to primaries and elections for state officers

3 shall apply to municipal primaries and elections
4 in the city of Boston; provided, that in order
5 for a candidate to have his name placed upon
6 the official ballot in any primary, he shall be
7 required to file with the election commissioners
8 of said city nomination papers containing the
9 signatures, in the case of the mayor, of one thou-
10 sand registered and qualified voters of said city,
11 and in the case of members of the school com-
12 mittee, of one thousand registered and qualified
13 voters of said city, and in the case of the coun-
14 cillors, one hundred registered and qualified
15 voters of the ward in said city which such coun-
16 cillor seeks to represent. Such registered and
17 qualified voters shall be of the same party desig-
18 nation as the candidates whose nomination paper
19 they sign.

1 SECTION 3. All acts and parts of acts incon-
2 sistent with this act are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.