

# SENATE . . . . No. 384

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To accompany the petition of Sybil H. Holmes that owners, managers and operators of hotels, lodging houses and apartments be required to furnish certain information relative to certain lodgers and guests to registrars of voters. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING OWNERS, MANAGERS AND OPERATORS OF HOTELS, LODGING HOUSES OR FURNISHED APARTMENTS TO FURNISH CERTAIN INFORMATION TO REGISTRARS OF VOTERS RELATIVE TO CERTAIN LODGERS AND GUESTS.

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

- 1 Chapter fifty-one of the General Laws is amended
- 2 by adding section forty-seven A, as follows:—
- 3 *Section 47A.* Not more than thirty nor less than
- 4 twenty-eight days before any regular presidential,
- 5 state or town election or primary the registrars of
- 6 each district in which a hotel, lodging house or fur-
- 7 nished apartment is situated shall require the owner,
- 8 manager or operator of each such hotel, lodging house
- 9 or furnished apartment, which houses four or more per-
- 10 sons, outside the members of the family of such owner,
- 11 manager or operator, to file a written report, under

12 penalty of perjury, in such manner and form as may  
13 be required by said registrars, giving the names and  
14 occupations of all lodgers or guests claiming a voting  
15 residence at, and the address by street and number  
16 of, the hotels, lodging houses, rooming houses or fur-  
17 nished apartments under the respective control of  
18 such owners, managers or operators. The registrars  
19 shall compare each such report with the list of regis-  
20 tered voters from such address. Every person regis-  
21 tered from such address and not listed in such report  
22 or whose name is different from any name so listed,  
23 shall immediately after the last day of registration be  
24 sent a notice through the United States mail, at the  
25 address appearing upon his registration record card,  
26 requiring him to appear before the registrars on a  
27 day specified therein and show cause why his regis-  
28 tration should not be cancelled. Any owner, manager  
29 or operator required to file such a report who shall  
30 fail to do so within the time provided herein shall be  
31 guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction  
32 thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the  
33 county jail for not less than thirty or more than  
34 ninety days, or by a fine of not less than fifty dollars  
35 nor more than two hundred dollars or both. The  
36 registrars shall sit to hear such citations on such day  
37 of the fourth week preceding the week in which such  
38 election is to be held as they may designate. Such  
39 citation shall be served not later than two days  
40 preceding the day on which it is returnable.