

SENATE No. 127

To accompany the petition of Joseph F. O'Connell, Jr., for legislation to regulate the election and organization of State committees of political parties. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE ELECTION AND ORGANIZATION OF STATE 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 Chapter fifty-two of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section one, as most re-
3 cently amended by chapter ninety-nine of the acts
4 of nineteen hundred and thirty-six, and inserting in
5 place thereof the following:—

6 *Section 1.* Each political party shall in the man-
7 ner herein provided, elect from its enrolled members
8 a state committee, the members of which shall hold
9 office for four years from January first next following
10 their election and until their successors shall have
11 organized. Said committee shall consist of one
12 member from each senatorial district to be elected
13 at the primaries before each biennial state election
14 by plurality vote of the members of his party in the
15 district; one member of the opposite sex to be ap-

16 pointed by each elected member; and all ex-chairmen.

17 The members of the state committee shall in Janu-
18 ary following their election, meet and organize by
19 the choice of a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer
20 and such other officers as they shall deem necessary.
21 The secretary of the state committee shall, within
22 ten days after such organization, file with the state
23 secretary and send to each city and town committee
24 a list of the membership. A vacancy in the office of
25 chairman, secretary or treasurer shall be filled by the
26 committee in the same manner as that of the officers
27 first chosen.