

By Mr. Curtiss of Sheffield, petition of Sidney Q. Curtiss that provision be made for the filling of certain vacancies in state, city or town elections when nominees fail to file their acceptance of nominations or when there is a failure to nominate candidates. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FILLING OF CERTAIN VACANCIES IN CASES OF THE FAILURE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES FOR CERTAIN OFFICES.

*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 53 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following after section 15 of said chapter:—  
3 *Section 15A.* If there is a failure to nominate a  
4 candidate for an office to be filled at a state, city or  
5 town election, or if a person nominated as a candidate  
6 for an office to be filled at a state, city or town elec-  
7 tion fails to file his acceptance in the manner and  
8 time provided by law except for city offices where  
9 city charters provide otherwise, a vacancy so created  
10 may be filled in the same manner and within the  
11 same period of time as is provided in cases where a  
12 candidate withdraws his candidacy after having been  
13 nominated and duly accepted the nomination.

