

SENATE . . . . . No. 196

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By Mr. Hays (by request), petition of Stelian Panos Dukakis for legislation to establish the maximum number of signatures required for the nomination of independent candidates. Election Laws.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES  
REQUIRED FOR THE NOMINATION OF INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES.

*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 6 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as most re-  
2 cently amended by chapter 224 of the acts of 1960, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out the first sentence and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following sentence: — Nominations  
5 of candidates for any office to be filled at a state election may  
6 be made by nomination papers, stating the facts required by  
7 section eight and signed in the aggregate by not less than the  
8 same number of voters required to be filed by the candidates  
9 for the nomination of a recognized political party for the same  
10 office.

to the State by request, petition of some State officer for a writ, or to obtain the maximum number of signatures required for the nomination of a representative candidate. Section 100.

The Government of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED FOR THE NOMINATION OF REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATES.

As it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same we hereby enforce.

Section 5 of chapter 57 of the General Laws as most recently amended by chapter 224 of the acts of 1921, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — "No nomination of candidates for any office shall be valid as a state election, unless it be made by resolution signed by the voters required by section eight and filed in the appropriate office not less than the same number of votes required as in that of the candidates for the nomination of a candidate with the party for the same office."