
Accompanying the first recommendation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (House, No. 97). Election Laws. Dec. 2, 1926.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

An Act relative to the Nomination of Incumbents of State 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 Section forty-four of chapter fifty-three of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word "papers" in the second line the
4 words:—, except that an incumbent of a state
5 office may have his name printed upon the primary
6 ballot as a candidate for such office of the party
7 which he represents upon a request in writing
8 filed with the state secretary on or before the last
9 hour for filing primary nomination papers,— so
10 as to read as follows:— *Section 44.* The nomina-
11 tion of candidates for nomination or election at
12 state primaries shall be by nomination papers,
13 except that an incumbent of a state office may have
14 his name printed upon the primary ballot as a
15 candidate for such office of the party which he
16 represents upon a request in writing filed with the
17 state secretary on or before the last hour for filing
18 primary nomination papers. In the case of offices
19 to be filled by all the voters of the commonwealth

20 such papers shall be signed in the aggregate by at
21 least one thousand voters, not less than two
22 hundred and fifty to be from each of four different
23 counties. Such papers for all other offices to be
24 filled at a state election, and for members of com-
25 mittees and delegates to the state convention, shall
26 be signed by a number of voters equal in the
27 aggregate to five voters for each ward or town in
28 the district or county, but in no case shall more
29 than two hundred and fifty be required.

