
Accompanying the second 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 Certification of Signatures on
Nomination Papers.

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 1. Section eight of chapter fifty-three
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word " words " in the sixth line the
4 following new sentence:—Every nomination paper
5 shall contain a certificate signed by a registered
6 voter of this commonwealth that all the signatures
7 of voters upon such paper were made by the
8 persons whose names they purport to be, except
9 as otherwise provided by law,—so as to read as
10 follows:—*Section 8.* All certificates of nomina-
11 tion and nomination papers shall, in addition to the
12 names of candidates, specify as to each, (1) his
13 residence, with street and number, if any, (2) the
14 office for which he is nominated, and (3) except as
15 otherwise provided in this section and in city
16 charters, the party or political principle which he
17 represents, expressed in not more than three
18 words. Every nomination paper shall contain a
19 certificate signed by a registered voter of this

20 commonwealth that all the signatures of voters
21 upon such paper were made by the persons whose
22 names they purport to be, except as otherwise pro-
23 vided by law. Certificates of nomination made by
24 convention or caucus shall also state what pro-
25 vision, if any, was made for filling vacancies caused
26 by the death, withdrawal or ineligibility of candi-
27 dates. The names of the candidates for president
28 and vice president of the United States may be
29 added to the party or political designation of the
30 candidates for presidential electors. To the name
31 of each candidate for alderman at large shall be
32 added the number of the ward in which he resides.
33 If a candidate is nominated otherwise than by a
34 political party, the name of a political party shall
35 not be used in his political designation. Certificates
36 of nomination and nomination papers for town
37 offices need not include a designation of the party
38 or principle which the candidate represents.

1 SECTION 2. Section forty-five of said chapter
2 fifty-three is hereby amended by adding at the end
3 thereof the following new paragraph:—

4 Every nomination paper shall contain a certi-
5 ficate signed by a registered voter of this common-
6 wealth that all the signatures of voters upon such
7 paper were made by the persons whose names they
8 purport to be, except as otherwise provided by law.

