

By Mr. Fox of Boston petition of Harold A. J. Oppenheim for legislation to increase the number of signatures required on nomination papers of candidates for election to certain state offices. Election Laws. Jan. 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to increase the Number of Signatures Required for Nomination Papers for Certain 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
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
3 inserting before the word "such", in line six,
4 the following:—Such papers for the offices
5 of senator and representative in the general
6 court shall be signed by a number of voters
7 equal in the aggregate to one hundred and
8 fifty voters for each ward or town in the dis-
9 trict or county, but in no case shall more than
10 five hundred be required,—so as to read as
11 follows:—*Section 44.* The nomination of
12 candidates for nomination or election at state
13 primaries shall be by nomination papers. In
14 the case of offices to be filled by all the voters
15 of the commonwealth such papers shall be
16 signed in the aggregate by at least one thou-

17 sand voters, not less than two hundred and
18 fifty to be from each of four different counties.
19 Such papers for the offices of senator and rep-
20 resentative in the general court shall be signed
21 by a number of voters equal in the aggregate
22 to one hundred and fifty voters for each ward
23 or town in the district or county, but in no case
24 shall more than five hundred be required. Such
25 papers for all other offices to be filled at a state
26 election, and for members of committees and
27 delegates to the state convention, shall be
28 signed by a number of voters equal in the
29 aggregate to five voters for each ward or town
30 in the district or county, but in no case shall
31 more than two hundred and fifty be required.

