

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1600

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 5, 1931.

The committee on Towns, to who mwas referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1511) of Arthur P. Crosby for an amendment of the law relative to the political designation on official ballots of candidates for office at elections in towns, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1600).

For the committee,

JOHN S. DERHAM.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

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An Act relative to the Political Designation on Official Ballots of Candidates for Office at Town Elections.

*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-one of chapter fifty-four of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section four of  
3 chapter twenty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred  
4 and twenty-seven, is hereby further amended by add-  
5 ing at the end of the third paragraph the following:—  
6 The town clerk shall add the words “caucus nominee”  
7 to the name of any candidate nominated by a caucus,  
8 held under the provisions of section one hundred and  
9 seventeen to one hundred and twenty, inclusive, of  
10 chapter fifty-three,— so as to read as follows:—  
11 *Section 41.* Ballots for the use of voters in a voting  
12 precinct or town shall contain the names of all can-  
13 didates duly nominated for election therein, and,  
14 except as provided in section forty-three, such ballots  
15 shall contain the name of no other person.

16 To the name of each candidate for a state office  
17 shall be added the name of the city or town where he  
18 resides. To the name of each candidate for a city  
19 office shall be added the name of the street on which  
20 he resides, with his street number, if any; and to the  
21 name of each candidate for alderman at large shall

22 also be added the number of the ward where he resides.

23 To the name of each candidate for a state or city  
24 office, except city offices in cities where political desig-  
25 nations are forbidden, shall be added in the same space  
26 his party or political designation or designations. To  
27 the name of a candidate for a state or city office who  
28 is an elected incumbent thereof and who is one of two  
29 or more candidates therefor bearing the same name,  
30 there shall be added in the same space the words "Can-  
31 didate for Re-election". To the name of each candi-  
32 date for a town office upon an official ballot shall be  
33 added the designation of the party or principle which  
34 he represents, contained in the certificate of nomina-  
35 tion or nomination papers. The town clerk shall add  
36 the words "caucus nominee" to the name of any can-  
37 didate nominated by a caucus, held under the pro-  
38 visions of section one hundred and seventeen to one  
39 hundred and twenty, inclusive, of chapter fifty-three.

40 If a candidate shall receive the nomination of more  
41 than one party or more than one political designation  
42 for the same office, he may, within the seventy-two  
43 hours next succeeding five o'clock in the afternoon of  
44 the last day fixed for the filing of nominations, by a  
45 writing delivered to the officer or board required by  
46 law to prepare the official ballot, direct in what order  
47 the several nominations or political designations shall  
48 be added to his name upon the official ballot; and such  
49 directions shall be followed by the said officer or board.

50 If, during said time, said candidate shall neglect to so  
51 direct, said officer or board shall add said nominations  
52 or political designations to the name of said candidate  
53 upon the official ballot in such order as said officer or  
54 board shall determine.

