

By Mr. Innes of Boston, petition of Charles J. Innes relative to votes cast at elections and payment of recount fees by losing candidates. Election Laws.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to provide for a Retabulation of Votes cast at an Election and for the Payment of a Fee for a Recount under Certain Circumstances by the Losing Candidate.

*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 one hundred and thirty-five of chapter  
2 fifty-four is hereby amended by adding thereto the  
3 following paragraph:—

4 Before proceeding to recount the ballots the regis-  
5 trars shall inspect the tally sheets of each block of  
6 votes and the total tally sheets of each voting pre-  
7 cinct, and retabulate the vote cast for the entire  
8 district. If it then appears that the losing candidate  
9 was defeated by more than two per cent of the total  
10 vote cast the registrars shall not recount the ballots,  
11 *unless* the candidate on whose behalf the recount has  
12 been petitioned shall forthwith pay to the registrars  
13 for the use of the city or town in which the recount  
14 is made fifty dollars for each ten thousand votes or  
15 fraction thereof cast at the election.

