

HOUSE No. 1094

By Mr. Crowley of Somerville (by request), petition of John J. Murphy, mayor of Somerville, that names of candidates on the ballot at primaries and elections be arranged by lot and not in alphabetical order. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide for the Arrangement on the Ballot of Candidates for Any Elective Office either at the Primaries or Election by Lot.

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. General Laws, chapter fifty-three,
2 section thirty-four, is hereby amended by striking
3 out on lines eight and nine, the sentence "names of
4 candidates for such elective office shall be arranged
5 alphabetically according to their surnames" and
6 substitute the following words: — names of candi-
7 dates for each elective office shall be arranged on
8 the ballot in such order as may be determined by
9 lot under the direction of the state secretary, who
10 shall notify each such candidate and give a repre-
11 sentative of each such candidate an opportunity to
12 be present at the drawing.

1 SECTION 2. General Laws, chapter fifty-four, sec-

tion forty-two, is hereby amended by striking out in lines two and three, the following words, "shall be arranged under the designation of the office in alphabetical order according to their surnames" and inserting in place thereof, the following words: — shall be arranged under the designation of the office in such order as may be determined by lot under the direction of the state secretary who shall notify each candidate and give a representative of each such candidate an opportunity to be present at the drawing.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.