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By Mr. Dale of Watertown, petition of George H. Dale for amendment of the law relative to state and party primaries and conventions of political parties. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to State and Party Primaries and Conventions of Political Parties.

*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 one of chapter fifty-two of the  
2 General Laws, as amended by section one of chapter  
3 twenty-five and chapter two hundred and ninety-five  
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven and  
5 chapter three hundred and ten of the acts of nineteen  
6 hundred and thirty-two, is hereby further amended  
7 by striking out, in the third line, the words "January  
8 first" and inserting in place thereof the words: — the  
9 date of the state convention, — by striking out, in  
10 the tenth line, the words "in January following their  
11 election" and inserting in place thereof the words: —  
12 within ten days after the date of adjournment of  
13 the state convention, — so as to read as follows: —  
14 *Section 1.* Each political party shall, in the manner

15 herein provided, elect from among its enrolled mem-  
16 bers a state committee, the members of which shall  
17 hold office for two years from the date of the state  
18 convention next following their election and until  
19 their successors shall have organized. Said com-  
20 mittee shall consist of one member from each sena-  
21 torial district, to be elected at the party primaries  
22 before each biennial state election by plurality vote  
23 of the members of his party in the district, and such  
24 number of members at large as may be fixed by the  
25 state convention, to be elected at said convention.

26 The members of the state committee shall, within  
27 ten days after the date of adjournment of the state  
28 convention, meet and organize by the choice of a chair-  
29 man, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as  
30 they may decide to elect.

31 The secretary of the state committee shall, within  
32 ten days after such organization, file with the state  
33 secretary, and send to each city and town committee,  
34 a list of the members of the committee and of its  
35 officers.

36 A vacancy in the office of chairman, secretary or  
37 treasurer of the committee or in the membership  
38 thereof shall be filled by the committee, and a state-  
39 ment of any such change shall be filed as in the case  
40 of the officers first chosen.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter fifty-two,  
2 as amended by section one of chapter one hundred  
3 and fourteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
4 twenty-five and by section two of chapter twenty-five  
5 of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven and  
6 chapter three hundred and ten of the acts of nineteen  
7 hundred and thirty-two, is hereby further amended

8 by striking out said section and inserting in place  
9 thereof the following: —

10 *Section 2.* Each political party shall, in every  
11 ward and town, elect at the party primaries before  
12 each biennial state election from among the enrolled  
13 members of the party resident in such ward or town  
14 a committee to be called a ward or town committee,  
15 whose members shall hold office for two years from  
16 June fifteenth following their election and until their  
17 successors shall have organized, except as provided in  
18 section seven. Any member of a ward or town com-  
19 mittee who shall remove his residence from the ward  
20 or town in which he may have been elected shall cease  
21 to be a member immediately upon said change of  
22 residence and his successor shall be selected as pro-  
23 vided by law.

