

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1199

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Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Lewis R. Sullivan, Jr., of Boston, for the Bill prohibiting the distribution of stickers or pasters inside the building where a polling place is located (House, No. 360). Feb. 13.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating the Disposition of Pastors or Stickers,  
so called, in or near Polling Places.

*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 sixty-five of chapter fifty-four  
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary  
3 edition thereof, is hereby amended by striking out, in  
4 the tenth line, the words "except a" and inserting in  
5 place thereof the words: — and no, — so as to read as  
6 follows: — *Section 65.* At an election of state or city  
7 officers, and of town officers in towns where official  
8 ballots are used, the presiding election officer at each  
9 polling place shall, before the opening of the polls,  
10 post at least three cards of instruction, three cards  
11 containing abstracts of the laws imposing penalties  
12 upon voters, three copies of measures to be submitted  
13 to the people, if any, and at least five specimen ballots  
14 within the polling place outside the guard rail, and the  
15 cards of instruction and a copy of each measure to be

16 submitted to the people in each marking compart-  
17 ment; and no other poster, card, handbill, placard,  
18 picture or circular intended to influence the action of  
19 the voter, and no paster to be placed upon the official  
20 ballot, shall be posted, exhibited, circulated or dis-  
21 tributed in the polling place, in the building where the  
22 polling place is located, on the walls thereof, on the  
23 premises on which the building stands, on the sidewalk  
24 adjoining the premises where such election is being  
25 held, or within one hundred and fifty feet of the en-  
26 trance to such polling place. Pastors to be placed on  
27 the official ballot shall be subject to all the restrictions  
28 imposed by sections forty-one and forty-four as to  
29 names and residences of candidates and the size of  
30 the type in which the names shall be printed; but no  
31 political or other designation shall appear on such  
32 pasters, and no vote by paster shall be counted if such  
33 designation appears. The presiding election officer  
34 shall, at the opening of the polls, publicly open the  
35 packages containing the ballots and deliver them to  
36 the ballot clerks. All specimen ballots not posted shall  
37 be kept in the custody of the presiding officer until  
38 after the closing of the polls.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter fifty-six of the General Laws,  
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out  
3 section thirty-nine and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following:—

5 *Section 39.* Whoever posts, exhibits, circulates or  
6 distributes any poster, card, handbill, placard, picture  
7 or circular, intended to influence the action of a voter,  
8 or any paster to be placed upon the official ballot, in  
9 violation of section sixty-five of chapter fifty-four shall  
10 be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.