

HOUSE No. 1306

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 31, 1933.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to state and party primaries and conventions of political parties (House, No. 1095), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1306).

For the committee,

PHILIP SHERMAN.

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

An Act relative to the Term of Office of Members of Political Committees, to the Time of their Organization and to the Personnel of Local Political Committees.

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. Chapter fifty-two of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended in section one by section
3 one of chapter three hundred and ten of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and thirty-two, is hereby further
5 amended by striking out said section one of said
6 chapter fifty-two and inserting in place thereof the
7 following:—

8 *Section 1.* Each political party shall, in the manner
9 herein provided, elect from among its enrolled mem-
10 bers a state committee, the members of which shall
11 hold office for two years from the date of the state
12 convention next following their election and until
13 their successors shall have organized. Said com-
14 mittee shall consist of one member from each sena-
15 torial district, to be elected at the party primaries
16 before each biennial state election by plurality vote
17 of the members of his party in the district, and such
18 number of members at large as may be fixed by the
19 state convention, to be elected at said convention.

20 The members of the state committee shall, within
21 ten days after the date of final adjournment of the
22 state convention, meet and organize by the choice of
23 a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer and such other
24 officers as they may decide to elect.

25 The secretary of the state committee shall, within
26 ten days after such organization, file with the state
27 secretary, and send to each city and town committee,
28 a list of the members of the state committee and of
29 its officers.

30 A vacancy in the office of chairman, secretary or
31 treasurer of the committee or in the membership
32 thereof shall be filled by the committee, and a state-
33 ment of any such change shall be filed as in the case
34 of the officers first chosen.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter fifty-two, as most re-
2 cently amended in section two by section two of said
3 chapter three hundred and ten, is hereby further
4 amended by striking out said section two of said
5 chapter fifty-two and inserting in place thereof the
6 following:—

7 *Section 2.* Each political party shall, in every
8 ward and town, elect at the party primaries before
9 each biennial state election from among the enrolled
10 members of the party resident in such ward or town
11 a committee to be called a ward or town committee,
12 whose members shall hold office for two years from
13 June fifteenth following their election and until their
14 successors shall have organized.

1 SECTION 3. Section four of said chapter fifty-two,
2 as appearing in the Tercentenary edition of the Gen-
3 eral Laws, is hereby amended by striking out, in the

4 first and second lines, the words “town committee
5 shall, between January first and March first following
6 its election, and each ward and city” and inserting
7 in place thereof the words: — city, ward and town, —
8 so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* Each city,
9 ward and town committee shall, within thirty days
10 after the beginning of its term of office, meet and organ-
11 ize by the choice of a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer
12 and such other officers as it may decide to elect. At
13 such meeting the committee may add to its numbers.

1 SECTION 4. Section seven of said chapter fifty-
2 two, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
3 out the first paragraph.

1 SECTION 5. Upon the organization of any political
2 committee elected at the first party primaries held
3 under chapter three hundred and ten of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and thirty-two, the terms of office
5 of members of such committee then in office shall
6 terminate.