

# SENATE . . . . No. 154

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To accompany the petition of William R. Conley that provision be made for the furnishing by the State Secretary to cities and towns of voting machines for use in each polling place therein. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

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AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE STATE SECRETARY SHALL FURNISH TO CITIES AND TOWNS VOTING MACHINES FOR USE IN EACH POLLING PLACE THEREIN.

*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-four of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out section twenty-six,  
3 as most recently amended by chapter two hundred  
4 and forty of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-  
5 three, and inserting in place thereof the following:—  
6 *Section 26.* The state secretary shall provide every  
7 city and town for use at every polling place therein  
8 with voting machines approved by the board of voting  
9 machine examiners as provided in section thirty-two.

1 SECTION 2. To meet the expenditures necessary in  
2 carrying out the provisions of this act the state  
3 treasurer shall upon request of the governor and

4 council issue and sell at public or private sale bonds  
5 of the commonwealth, registered or with interest  
6 coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount  
7 to be specified by the governor and council from time  
8 to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum  
9 of                                    thousand dollars. All bonds  
10 issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be  
11 designated on their face "COMMONWEALTH VOTING  
12 MACHINE LOAN" and shall be on the serial payment  
13 plan for such maximum term of years, not exceeding  
14 five years, as the governor may recommend to the  
15 general court pursuant to section three of Article  
16 LXII of the amendments to the Constitution of the  
17 Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so ar-  
18 ranged that the amounts payable in the several years  
19 other than the final year shall be as nearly equal as  
20 in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable  
21 to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest semi-  
22 annually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the  
23 approval of the governor, shall fix, but such bonds  
24 shall be payable not earlier than  
25 nor later than

1     SECTION 3. Each city and town shall repay the  
2 commonwealth the cost of all voting machines fur-  
3 nished to it under the provisions of section one of  
4 this act. Such amount with interest or other charges  
5 incurred in borrowing money for the purpose shall be  
6 assessed upon each city and town by an addition to  
7 the state tax in equal parts for the next twenty en-  
8 suing years.