

HOUSE No. 958

Bill accompanying the petition of Addison P. Burnham and others for an amendment of the law relative to the registration of voters. Election Laws. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Registration of Voters.

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 nineteen of chapter eight hundred and thirty-
2 five of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen
3 is hereby amended by striking out the words "and shall
4 produce before the assessors two witnesses, who shall
5 testify, under oath, that they are voters of the ward or
6 town in which such person desires to be registered and
7 that the statement of the applicant is true", wherever
8 they occur in said section, so as to read as follows:—
9 *Section 19.* If a male person resident in a city or town,
10 except Boston, on the first day of April was not assessed
11 for a poll tax, he shall, in order to establish his right to
12 assessment, present to the assessors before the close of
13 registration a statement under oath that he was on said

14 day a resident of such city or town and liable to pay a
15 poll tax therein, and a list under oath of his polls and
16 estate.

17 A male person who becomes a resident of a city or
18 town, except Boston, after the first day of April and
19 desires to be registered as a voter shall present to the
20 assessors a statement under oath that he has been a resi-
21 dent of such city or town for six months immediately
22 preceding the election at which he claims the right to
23 vote. If the assessors are satisfied that such statement
24 is true, they shall, in the first case, assess such applicant
25 for his polls and estate and give him a certificate of
26 assessment, and in the second, give him a certificate that
27 he has been a resident in such city or town the six
28 months preceding such election, and forthwith notify the
29 registrars of voters of the city or town, if in this common-
30 wealth, where such person resided on the first day of
31 April, that they have given such certificate.