

HOUSE No. 1652

By Mr. Chmura of Holyoke, petition of Charles H. McGlue that a penalty be provided for the unlawful distribution of absent voter ballots. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE UNLAWFUL DISTRIBUTION OF ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS.

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 89 of chapter 54 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 16 of the acts of 1960,
3 is hereby further amended by inserting after the second sen-
4 tence the following sentence:— Except as provided for a voter
5 who will on the day of the election be on the high seas in the
6 prosecution of the business of fishing or as a mariner, no absent
7 voter ballot shall be delivered to a voter in any other manner
8 than by mail, postage prepaid.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 56 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in section 11 of chapter 537 of the acts of 1946, is hereby amended
3 by inserting after section 27 the following:—

4 *Section 27A.* Whoever, at any election at which absent
5 voting is permitted, knowingly and wilfully delivers an absent
6 voter ballot to a voter or other person in any other manner
7 than is provided for in section eighty-nine of chapter fifty-four
8 shall be punished by a fine of not more than five hundred dollars.

by the House of Representatives in order to obtain the benefit of the provisions of the act in relation to the administration of the same, the same shall be deemed to have been passed on the day on which the same shall be passed by the House of Representatives.

THE COMMUNICATIONS OF CONGRESS

IN THE YEAR ENDING WITH THE YEAR 1882

AS PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
ON JANUARY TWENTY-NINE, 1882

AS PASSED BY THE SENATE ON FEBRUARY TWENTY-NINE, 1882
AND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON MARCH TWENTY-NINE, 1882

1. Section 1. Section 10 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes
2. as amended by chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes
3. is hereby amended by inserting after the second section
4. the following section— "There is provided for a
5. who will on the day of the meeting for on the first day in the
6. year of the session holding in any session in which
7. any bill shall be introduced for a vote in any session
8. shall be paid to the said person."

1. Section 2. Chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, as amended
2. in section 11 of chapter 22 of the Revised Statutes, is amended
3. by inserting after section 11 the following—
4. Section 12. Whosoever at any election in which a
5. vote is permitted, knowingly and willfully obstructs or
6. prevents in any way or in any manner in any other manner
7. than is provided for in section 11 of chapter 22 of the
8. Revised Statutes by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars.