

HOUSE No. 3611

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 29, 1965.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was recommitted the Bill relative to the nominations of candidates for offices to be filled by all the voters of the Commonwealth (printed as Senate, No. 154, changed) report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 3611) [Representatives Kimball of Springfield, Dickson of Weston and Tuttle of Framingham dissenting].

For the committee,

CARL R. JOHNSON, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES
TO BE FILLED BY ALL THE VOTERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. The first paragraph of section 5 of chapter 53 of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second
3 sentence, as amended by chapter 31 of the acts of 1954, and in-
4 serting in place thereof the following sentence: — The secretary
5 shall within the seventy-two hours succeeding five o'clock in the
6 afternoon of the day upon which the caucus was held or the
7 session of the convention terminated, and within the time speci-
8 fied in section ten, file such certificate at the place specified in
9 section nine, except that the secretary of a political party conven-
10 tion held for the purpose of endorsing candidates for nomination
11 shall file such certificate within ten days of the termination of
12 the convention, and shall within the same time so file a separate
13 certificate listing those candidates who did not receive the con-
14 vention endorsement, but who did receive at least twenty per
15 cent of the vote cast on any ballot for any office at said conven-
16 tion.

1 SECTION 2. Section 44 of said chapter 53, as appearing in
2 chapter 260 of the acts of 1964, is hereby amended by strik-
3 ing out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — In the case of offices to be filled by all
5 the voters of the commonwealth, nomination papers shall, ex-
6 cept as hereinafter provided, be signed in the aggregate by at
7 least ten thousand voters, not more than fifteen hundred of
8 the total number required to be from any one county; nom-
9 ination papers in the case of a candidate for any such office
10 who received at least twenty per cent of the vote on any ballot

11 for nomination for such office at the state convention held
12 immediately prior to the state primary shall be signed in the
13 aggregate by at least twenty-five hundred voters, not more
14 than five hundred of the total number required to be from
15 any one county.

1 SECTION 3. Section 54C of said chapter 53, inserted by sec-
2 tion 8 of chapter 406 of the acts of 1953, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the first sentence the following sentence:—
4 Every certificate listing candidates at such convention who re-
5 ceived at least twenty per cent of the vote of the convention on
6 any ballot shall also include said facts.

