

HOUSE No. 1157

By Mr. Bradley of Newton, petition of the Young Democratic Clubs of Massachusetts for legislation to change the time for holding state conventions. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE TIME FOR HOLDING A CONVENTION.

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 54 of chapter 53, of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out from section 54 the first two sen-
3 tences of said section and inserting in place thereof the fol-
4 lowing:—The chairman of the state committee of a political
5 party shall issue a call on or before the first Wednesday in
6 July to hold a state convention, to be held not earlier than
7 July thirty-first and not later than August twenty-second, in
8 a year in which an election for state constitutional officers is
9 held, for the purpose of adopting a platform and endorsing for
10 nomination candidates for offices to be filled by all the voters
11 of the commonwealth, to be voted for at the ensuing state pri-
12 mary, and for such other purposes consistent with law as the
13 convention may determine. If the said chairman fails to issue
14 a call on or before the first Wednesday in July for the holding
15 of such convention, ten voters enrolled in the party may peti-
16 tion the superior court to compel the chairman to issue said call.

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