

HOUSE No. 2196

By Mr. Berry of Peabody, petition of Allan E. Bulmer for legislation to prohibit the publication of the names and addresses of persons who provide information to law enforcement agencies. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLICATION OF THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS WHO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 271 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
- 2 after section 48, as added by chapter 91 of the acts of 1962, the
- 3 following new section: —
- 4 *Section 49.* No person shall make public the name or
- 5 address of any other person who provides information to or
- 6 otherwise assists any law enforcement agency in the perform-
- 7 ance of its duty except with the written assent of the informant
- 8 or upon lawful order of the court. Whoever violates the pro-
- 9 visions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less
- 10 than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I. Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

But no Representative shall be chosen for a Term longer than two Years; and no Person shall be Representative who shall not, when elected, have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, seven Years shall have elapsed since the Emigration of such Person, and he shall, when elected, be seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and when elected, shall, when he is chosen, have seven Years been seven Years a Citizen of the State in which he shall be chosen.

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