

SENATE No. 1228

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, July 20. 1968.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the House Bill regulating the days and places of holding primary elections (House No. 1232), reports recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "An Act further regulating certain special elections, city and state primaries, (Senate 1228), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

JOHN E. HARRINGTON, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING CERTAIN SPECIAL ELECTIONS, CITY ELECTIONS AND STATE PRIMARIES.

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 10 of chapter 53
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1
3 of chapter 236 of the acts of 1963, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof
5 the following two sentences: — If there is a special election to
6 fill the office of congressman, all certificates of nomination and
7 nomination papers shall be filed on or before the eighth Tues-
8 day preceding the day of such election. If there is a special
9 election to fill any other state office, all certificates of nomina-
10 tion and nomination papers shall be filed on or before the
11 seventh Tuesday preceding the day of such election.

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of said section 10 of said
2 chapter 53, as most recently amended by chapter 114 of the
3 Acts of 1954, by striking out the first sentence and inserting
4 in place thereof the following sentence: — In any city, except
5 Boston, certificates of nomination and nomination papers for
6 any city election shall be filed on or before the twentieth-eighth
7 day preceding such city election.

1 SECTION 3. Section 28 of chapter 53, as most recently
2 amended by section 3 of chapter 20 of the acts of 1946, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —
5 State primaries shall be held on the seventh Tuesday pre-
6 ceding biennial state elections and on the fourth Tuesday pre-
7 ceding special state elections, except that primaries before
8 special congressional elections shall be held on the fifth Tues-

9 day preceding said elections. Presidential primaries shall be
10 held on the last Tuesday in April in any year in which presi-
11 dential electors are to be elected. City and town primaries
12 before all city and town elections shall be held on the twenty-
13 eighth day preceding such elections.

