

By Mr. Cahillane of Springfield, petition of Sean Cahillane, Francis E. Rogers, Robert J. Rohan and William P. Nagle, Jr., relative to the dates for horse racing in Hampden and Hampshire counties and providing for approval by the voters of said counties. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING HORSE RACING DATES IN HAMPDEN AND HAMPSHIRE COUNTIES WITH LOCAL COUNTY APPROVAL.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of section three
2 of chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A of the General Laws
3 relative to the number of horse racing days, the racing
4 commissioner may issue a license for one hundred and eighty
5 additional horse racing days in either Hampden or Hampshire
6 county provided, that, such license conforms to all other
7 provisions of said chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A.

1 SECTION 2. The state secretary shall cause to be placed on
2 the official ballot to be used in the cities and towns of Hampden
3 and Hampshire counties at the next biennial state election the
4 following question: — Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on
5 licensed horse races be permitted in this county? If a majority of
6 the votes cast in either Hampden or Hampshire county in answer
7 to this question are in the affirmative, section one of this act shall
8 take effect in such county and if such question is answered in the
9 affirmative, section one shall take effect in both counties.

