

HOUSE No. 6092

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 3, 1979.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 258) of Anna P. Buckley and others for legislation relative to tabulating centers, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3445) of Timothy A. Bassett that cities and towns using electronic voting systems be authorized to tabulate election results in each precinct; reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6092) ought to pass.

For the committee,

TIMOTHY A. BASSETT

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ALLOWING CITIES AND TOWNS TO USE SO-CALLED PRECINCT
TABULATORS.

*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 33F of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Section one of Chapter 668 of the Acts of nineteen
3 hundred seventy-seven, is hereby further amended by inserting the
4 following paragraph at the beginning of said Section 33F: —

5 If in a city or town using an electronic voting system, so-called
6 precinct tabulators are used, the city or town clerk may designate,
7 no later than one week prior to the date of the primary, preliminary
8 election, or election, one tabulation center or the polling places in
9 the precincts as the tabulation centers where such ballots or cards
10 shall be counted. If the community does not have a tabulator for
11 each precinct, the clerk shall designate the order in which the
12 tabulators will be moved from precinct to precinct and the results
13 of each precinct shall be tabulated in the precinct where the vote
14 was actually cast. Upon completion of tabulation, the ballots shall
15 be sealed and brought to the clerk's office in the same manner as
16 they are in communities which have designated a central tabulation
17 center.