

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to require primary candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor to be nominated in groups. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT REQUIRING PRIMARY CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO BE NOMINATED IN GROUPS.

*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. Section 34 of chapter 53 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: —

4 The surnames of candidates for governor and lieutenant  
5 governor shall be placed upon the state primary ballot in groups.  
6 Christian names, residential addresses, and the eight-word  
7 statement provided by section forty-five, shall not be added. A  
8 voter shall vote for such candidates in the manner provided by  
9 the last sentence of section seventy-eight of chapter fifty-four. The  
10 group in which appears the name of an incumbent governor shall  
11 be placed first, and the remaining groups shall follow in  
12 alphabetical order of the surnames of the candidates for governor.

1 SECTION 2. The fourth paragraph of section 45 of said  
2 chapter 53 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
3 amended by striking out the paragraph and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following paragraph: —

5 A state primary nomination paper for governor or lieutenant  
6 governor shall contain the names of candidates for both such  
7 offices. Otherwise, no nomination paper for use in the nomination  
8 of candidates to be voted for at state primaries shall contain the  
9 name of more than one candidate.

1 SECTION 3. The third paragraph of section 48 of said chapter  
2 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in the  
3 second sentence the words "governor, lieutenant governor" and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following words: — governor and  
5 lieutenant governor as a group.