

HOUSE No. 822

Accompanying the petition of Andrew J. Peters, mayor, relative to the time of certification and of withdrawals of nominations for elective offices in the city of Boston. Election Laws. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Certification and Withdrawal of Nominations for Elective Office in the City of Boston.

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 fifty-six of chapter four hundred
2 and eighty-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
3 and nine, as amended by section six of chapter seven
4 hundred and thirty of the acts of the year nineteen hun-
5 dred and fourteen, is hereby further amended by striking
6 out the word "fifteenth", in the fifteenth line, and in-
7 serting in place thereof the word: — thirteenth, — and
8 by striking out the word "thirteenth", in the twentieth
9 line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — eleventh,
10 — and by striking out the word "twelfth", in the twenty-
11 second line, and inserting in place thereof the word: —
12 tenth, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 56.* The

13 names of candidates appearing on nomination papers shall
14 when filed be a matter of public record; but the nom-
15 ination papers shall not be open to public inspection until
16 after certification. After such nomination papers have
17 been filed, the election commissioners shall certify thereon
18 the number of signatures which are the names of regis-
19 tered voters in the city qualified to sign the same. They
20 shall not certify a greater number of names than are
21 required to make a nomination, with one tenth of such
22 number added thereto. All such papers found not to
23 contain a number of names so certified equivalent to the
24 number required to make a nomination shall be invalid.
25 The election commissioners shall complete such certifica-
26 tion on or before five o'clock P.M. on the thirteenth day
27 preceding the city election. Such certification shall not
28 preclude any voter from filing objections as to the validity
29 of the nomination. All withdrawals and objections to
30 such nominations shall be filed with the election com-
31 missioners on or before five o'clock P.M. on the eleventh
32 day preceding the city election. All substitutions to fill
33 vacancies caused by withdrawal or ineligibility shall be
34 filed with the election commissioners on or before five
35 o'clock P.M. on the tenth day preceding the city election.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

