

HOUSE No. 1266

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 12, 1923.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill establishing the penalty for unlawfully signing initiative and referendum petitions (House, No. 153), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

PRINCE H. TIRRELL.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT

Relative to Initiative or Referendum Petitions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter fifty-six of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section thirteen and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:— *Section 13.* Whoever falsely
4 makes or wilfully alters, defaces, mutilates, destroys or
5 suppresses a certificate of nomination or nomination
6 paper, or letter of withdrawal of a name from such paper,
7 or an initiative petition or a petition for the submission
8 of a question to the voters, or unlawfully signs any such
9 certificate, paper, letter or petition, or files any such
10 certificate, paper, letter or petition, knowing the same
11 to be falsely made or altered, shall be punished by im-
12 prisonment for not more than one year.