
By Mr. Ames of Lynn, petition of Charles W. Ames that the display of the national flag be required on all polling places. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

An Act to require the Display of the National Flag
on All Polling Places.

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 twenty-four of chapter fifty-four of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
3 at the end thereof the following:— The na-
4 tional flag of suitable dimensions not less than
5 five feet by eight feet shall be displayed on all
6 polling places during the hours when voting is
7 taking place,— so as to read as follows:—
8 *Section 24.* The aldermen in cities, except
9 where city charters provide otherwise, and the
10 selectmen of towns divided into voting pre-
11 cincts, shall, twenty days at least before the
12 biennial state or annual city election, and ten
13 days at least before any special election of a
14 state or city officer therein, designate the poll-
15 ing place for each voting precinct and cause
16 it to be suitably fitted up and prepared therefor.

17 In a city or town which has provided voting
18 booths, such booths may be placed in the public
19 ways of such city or town, provided said ways
20 are left reasonably safe and convenient for pub-
21 lic travel. It shall be in a public, orderly and
22 convenient portion of the precinct; but if no
23 such polling place can be had within the pre-
24 cinct, they may designate a polling place in an
25 adjoining precinct. No building or portion
26 thereof shall be designated or used as a polling
27 place in which intoxicating liquor has been sold
28 within the thirty days preceding the day of the
29 election. When the polling places have been
30 designated, the aldermen, in at least five public
31 places in each precinct of the city, and select-
32 men, in at least three public places in each pre-
33 cinct of the town, shall forthwith post a printed
34 description of the polling places designated,
35 and may give further notice thereof. The na-
36 tional flag of suitable dimensions not less than
37 five feet by eight feet shall be displayed on all
38 polling places during the hours when voting is
39 taking place.

