

By Mr. Birmingham of Boston, petition of Leo M. Birmingham for an amendment of the law relative to the holding of religious and political meetings or rallies on public ways and in public places. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

An Act relative to the Holding of Religious Meetings and Political Meetings or Rallies in Public Ways and 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 fifty A of chapter one hundred and forty of
2 the General Laws, inserted by chapter one hundred
3 and eighty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and
4 twenty-nine, is hereby amended by striking out all
5 after the word "thereby", in the tenth line, down to
6 and including the word "thereof" in the fourteenth
7 line,— so as to read as follows: — *Section 50A.* The
8 board of street commissioners of the city of Boston,
9 the city council of any other city or the selectmen of
10 any town may, if in their opinion public convenience
11 so requires, license the holding of religious meetings,
12 or of political meetings or rallies to further the interests
13 of candidates for nomination or election to public
14 office, in such parts of any public ways or places and
15 during such periods of time as they may designate;
16 provided, that public travel is not incommoded
17 thereby. Any such license may be revoked by them
18 at any time.

The Committee on the Judiciary has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the proper authorities for their consideration.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 15, 1868, RELATIVE TO THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE CASE OF EX PARTE MILLER.

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