

HOUSE No. 83

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (House, No. 80). Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act relative to Nomination Papers and the Number of Signatures required thereon.

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 forty-four of chapter fifty-three of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary
3 edition, and as most recently amended by section
4 twelve of chapter three hundred and ten of the
5 acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-two, is hereby
6 further amended by striking out, in the fourteenth
7 line, the word "or", the first time it appears, and
8 inserting in place thereof the word:—and,—so
9 as to read as follows:—*Section 44.* The nomina-
10 tion of candidates for nomination at state primaries
11 shall be by nomination papers or by endorsement
12 for nomination by state convention as provided in
13 section fifty-four. The nomination of candidates
14 for election at party primaries shall be by nomina-
15 tion papers only. In the case of offices to be filled
16 by all the voters of the commonwealth nomination

17 papers shall be signed in the aggregate by at least
 18 one thousand voters, not more than two hundred
 19 and fifty to be from any one county. Such papers
 20 for all other offices to be filled at a state election,
 21 and for members of committees and delegates to
 22 conventions, shall be signed by a number of voters
 23 equal in the aggregate to five voters for each ward
 24 and town in the district or county, but in no case
 25 shall more than two hundred and fifty be required.