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By Mr. Conn of Melrose, petition of Raymond H. Greenlaw relative to the time for filing certificates of nomination, nomination papers and other papers pertaining to primaries and elections with city and town clerks and registrars of voters. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME FOR FILING CERTIFICATES OF NOMINATION, NOMINATION PAPERS AND OTHER PAPERS PERTAINING TO PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS WITH CITY AND TOWN CLERKS AND REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

*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 4 of chapter 50 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, added by  
3 section 2 of chapter 30 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following: —

5 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers and other  
6 papers pertaining to primaries and elections required by law to  
7 be filed with the state secretary on or before a specified day shall  
8 be filed not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of said day.  
9 All such certificates and papers required by law to be filed with,  
10 or submitted to, city or town clerks or registrars of voters on or  
11 before a specified day shall be filed not later than four o'clock in  
12 the afternoon of said day.

1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 55 of the acts of 1945, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out in the first sentence the  
4 words "five o'clock in the afternoon of".

1 SECTION 3. Section 7 of said chapter 53, as most recently  
2 amended by section 2 of chapter 183 of the acts of 1954, is hereby

3 further amended by striking out the word "five" in the second  
4 sentence and inserting in place thereof the word:— four.

1 SECTION 4. Section 7A of said chapter 53, inserted by section 2  
2 of chapter 229 of the acts of 1943, is hereby amended by striking  
3 out in the first sentence the word "five" and inserting in place  
4 thereof the word:— four.

1 SECTION 5. Section 10 of said chapter 53 is hereby amended  
2 by striking out the last paragraph, as appearing in the Ter-  
3 centenary Edition.

1 SECTION 6. Section 11 of said chapter 53, as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 135 of the acts of 1956, is hereby amended  
3 by striking out in the second sentence the words "five o'clock  
4 in the afternoon of".

1 SECTION 7. Section 14 of said chapter 53, as most recently  
2 amended by section 8 of chapter 334 of the acts of 1943, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out in the fifth sentence the words  
4 "five o'clock in the afternoon of".

1 SECTION 8. Section 46 of said chapter 53, as most recently  
2 amended by section 8 of chapter 337 of the acts of 1943, is hereby  
3 further amended by striking out in the first sentence the word  
4 "five" and inserting in place thereof the word:— four.

1 SECTION 9. Section 61 of said chapter 53, as most recently  
2 amended by chapter 272 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further  
3 amended by striking out in the second sentence the words "at or  
4 before five o'clock in the afternoon of" and inserting in place  
5 thereof the words:— on or before.

1 SECTION 10. Section 62 of said chapter 53, as appearing in the  
2 Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in the  
3 second sentence the words "five o'clock of" and inserting in  
4 place thereof the words:— four o'clock in the afternoon of.

1 SECTION 11. Section 102 of said chapter 53, as so appearing,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the second  
3 line and inserting in place thereof the word:— four.

1 SECTION 12. Section 112 of said chapter 53, as so appearing,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the word "five" in the first  
3 line of the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the word:  
4 — four.

1 SECTION 13. Section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 263 of the acts of 1961, is  
3 hereby further amended by striking out in the second line of the  
4 first paragraph the word "five" and inserting in place thereof  
5 the word: — four.

