

HOUSE No. 306.

[Bill accompanying petition of J. F. MORTON. Election Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

AN ACT

To Define the term "A Political Party."

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. Any organization or body of legal voters
2 which shall apply to itself a distinct name as a political
3 party shall be awarded a place on the official ballot in all
4 national, state, county, municipal, and other elections ;
5 *provided* that such party shall have, in at least one pre-
6 ceding state election, have held a state convention at
7 which not less than one-fifth of the representative districts
8 of the state shall be represented by delegates properly
9 chosen ; and *provided* further, that such party shall have
10 held caucuses in full accordance with the law in not less
11 than one-fifth of the cities and towns of this Common-
12 wealth.

1 SECT. 2. No party or parties which shall have cast
2 one per cent or over of the votes for Governor at the pre-
3 ceding state election shall be deprived of a place on the
4 official ballot in consequence of the provisions of this act.

1 SECT. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent here-
2 with are hereby repealed.

