

HOUSE No. 358.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Richard L. Gay. Election Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relating to Caucuses and Ward Committees.

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. The registrars of voters of the several
2 cities and the election commissioners of the city of
3 Boston may prepare from the check lists last published
4 in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, check lists
5 containing the names of voters in the new wards estab-
6 lished in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

1 SECT. 2. The laws relating to caucuses shall apply
2 to all caucuses of a political party for the choice of
3 delegates to any convention, or of members of a ward
4 committee, or of candidates to be voted for at any
5 national, state or city election; and any such caucus

6 held during the current year for the choice of delegates
7 to a convention or of members of a ward committee
8 shall, as the city committee of the party may determine,
9 use in such caucuses the check lists prepared as afore-
10 said or the check lists last published in the year eighteen
11 hundred and ninety-five, with such additions thereto as
12 shall be made according to law.

1 SECT. 3. All caucuses of a political party for filling
2 vacancies in any national, state or city office shall be
3 called during the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six
4 by the city or town committee existing at the time of
5 calling such caucuses; and the check lists last published
6 in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, with such
7 additions thereto as shall be made according to law, shall
8 be used at such caucuses, and the caucus officers elected
9 in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five shall serve
10 at such caucuses, and all vacancies occurring among
11 them shall be filled by the existing city committee.

1 SECT. 4. Any political party may in the year eighteen
2 hundred and ninety-six elect its ward committees to
3 serve for such term as the city committees existing at the
4 passage of this act may determine, and thereafter shall
5 elect such committees at the times and for the terms
6 prescribed by law.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

