

# SENATE . . . . No. 90.

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[To accompany the petition of John A. Kelihier for legislation providing for nominating senators in Suffolk County by direct plurality vote. Election Laws.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Nomination of Senators in the County of Suffolk.

*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. All nominations of candidates for sena-  
2 tors in the several Suffolk districts, to be made by a po-  
3 litical party which at the preceding state election polled  
4 for governor three per centum of the entire votes cast in  
5 the state for that office, shall be made only by direct  
6 plurality vote at party caucuses held in the several wards  
7 and towns in which the candidates are to be voted for at  
8 the election thereof; and all provisions of law relating to  
9 caucuses and elections and to the votes cast therein not  
10 inconsistent herewith shall apply to caucuses for the  
11 nominations of officers aforesaid and to the votes cast at  
12 such caucuses.

1 SECTION 2. The names of candidates for senator to  
2 be voted for at such caucuses shall be printed on a sepa-

3 rate ballot in all wards and towns other than Boston, and  
4 all ballots and returns for such candidates shall be re-  
5 turned to the board of election commissioners of the city  
6 of Boston as ballots and returns of elections in said city  
7 are returned.

1    SECTION 3. The board of election commissioners of  
2 said city shall have the same powers and perform the  
3 same duties in relation to the counting, tabulating and  
4 determining the results of the votes cast at the caucuses  
5 for the nomination of such candidates as they have in re-  
6 lation to the votes cast at elections in the several precincts  
7 of said city, shall certify and file with the secretary of  
8 the Commonwealth certificates of nomination of all can-  
9 didates for senator nominated as aforesaid; and the sec-  
10 retary of the Commonwealth shall place on the official  
11 ballots to be used at state elections the names of all can-  
12 didates for senator certified to as aforesaid.

1    SECTION 4. In the city of Boston, and in such cities  
2 and towns in Suffolk county as have adopted the pro-  
3 visions of chapter five hundred and seven of the acts of  
4 eighteen hundred and ninety-five, nomination papers for  
5 the nomination of a candidate for senator to be voted for  
6 at a caucus shall contain the signatures of not less than  
7 fifty registered voters of the senatorial district wherein  
8 the nomination is to be made, and members of the po-  
9 litical party whose caucus is to be held.

1    SECTION 5. The member of the state committee for  
2 each Suffolk senatorial district shall hereafter be selected  
3 by the delegates elected to attend the annual state con-  
4 vention of such political party who are residents of such  
5 district or substitutes for such residents.

1    SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.