

HOUSE No. 192.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Rufus B. Tobey and others for legislation to provide for the alternating of names of candidates on ballots at all caucuses and elections. Election Laws. Jan. 21.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To provide for the alternating of Names of Candidates at all Caucuses and Elections.

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 names for candidates for
2 each office upon the sample ballot shall be ar-
3 ranged alphabetically, according to surnames.

4 The names of candidates for each office upon
5 the regular ballot under the headings designating
6 each official position shall be alternated in the
7 printing of the ballots in the following manner:—

8 First, The forms shall be set up with the names

9 thereon in the order in which they are placed
10 upon the sample ballot prepared by the ballot
11 commissioners.

12 Second, In printing each set of ballots for the
13 various election districts, the positions of the
14 names in each official division shall be changed
15 as many times as there are candidates in that
16 division.

17 Third, In making the change of position the
18 printer shall take the line of type at the head of
19 each official division and place it at the bottom
20 of that division, shoving up the column, so that
21 the name which was second before the change
22 shall be first after the change.

23 Fourth, As nearly as possible, an equal num-
24 ber of ballots shall be printed after each change.

1 SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts incon-
2 sistent with this act are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect and be
2 in force from and after its passage.