

# SENATE . . . . . No. 40.

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SENATE, Jan. 23, 1902.

[Introduced on leave by Senator Howland of Suffolk. Election Laws.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Better Regulation of Political Parties.

*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 I. Except as hereinafter provided,  
2 no person shall be allowed to vote in any caucus  
3 of any political party unless the designation of  
4 that party appears against his name in the certi-  
5 fied copy of the voting list used in such caucus.

1 SECTION 2. The officers having charge of the  
2 preparation of voting lists shall place upon the  
3 certified copy thereof to be used in the caucus of  
4 a political party, against the name of a voter, the

5 name of such political party as shall be stated in  
6 a written request that such designation be made,  
7 signed by such voter and filed with said officers  
8 on or before the Saturday next preceding the first  
9 caucus prior to the annual state election.

1 SECTION 3. A voter against whose name no  
2 designation appears upon such certified list may  
3 in the year nineteen hundred and two vote at a  
4 caucus, provided he has taken the oath prescribed  
5 by section ninety-one of chapter eleven of the  
6 Revised Laws and has in writing requested the  
7 presiding officer of the caucus to enter upon said  
8 list against the name of such voter the name of  
9 the political party holding that caucus. The pre-  
10 siding officer shall in the presence of such voter  
11 write against his name upon said list the designa-  
12 tion so requested and shall file the written request  
13 made by the voter with the officers having charge  
14 of the preparation of the voting lists.

1 SECTION 4. In preparing the voting lists, and  
2 all certified copies thereof for use in any caucus  
3 of any political party, the officers aforesaid shall  
4 place thereon against the name of every voter the  
5 party designation requested by such voter as  
6 above provided; and the voter may change or re-  
7 voke such designation in the same manner as is  
8 provided by this act for making the designation.

1 SECTION 5. Whoever makes or sends to the  
2 officers having charge of the preparation of voting

3 lists any request for party designation, as pro-  
4 vided by section two of this act, in the name of  
5 any other person, shall be punished by imprison-  
6 ment in jail not exceeding one year.

1 SECTION 6. The terms used in this act shall  
2 be construed as provided in chapter eleven of the  
3 Revised Laws.

1 SECTION 7. All acts and parts of acts incon-  
2 sistent herewith are hereby repealed.

