

HOUSE No. 752.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Nathan Barnett for legislation relative to ascertaining and verifying the residence of a voter. Election Laws. Feb. 3.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Residence of Voters.

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 two hundred twenty-five of chapter
2 eleven of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by
3 striking out the three last words "and, if re-
4 quested," in the second line, and also by adding,
5 after the second word in the third line, the words:
6 — on the first day of May preceding, his residence
7 at the time of his desire to vote,—and also by
8 adding after the fourth word in the fourth line
9 the words:—and the ballot clerks shall enter
10 upon the voting list, opposite his name and resi-

11 dence, in a space prepared for such occasion, his
12 new residence, giving the number, street and city
13 or town; and if there has been no change of
14 residence, an entry shall be made in said space
15 opposite his name and residence, the words No
16 Change, or, as abbreviated, the letters N. C.,— so
17 as to read as follows:—

18 *Section 225.* Each voter desiring to vote at a
19 polling place where official ballots are used, shall
20 give his name, his residence on the first day of
21 May preceding, his residence at the time of his
22 desire to vote, to one of the ballot clerks, who
23 shall thereupon distinctly announce the same.
24 The ballot clerks shall enter upon the voting list,
25 opposite his name and residence, in a space pre-
26 pared for such occasion, his new residence, giving
27 the number, street and city or town; and if there
28 has been no change of residence, an entry shall
29 be made in said space opposite his name and resi-
30 dence, the words No Change, or, as abbreviated,
31 the letters N. C.; and if such name is found upon
32 the voting list by the ballot clerk he shall check
33 and repeat the name and give one ballot to such
34 voter, who shall then be admitted within the guard
35 rail. If not entitled to vote for all the offices
36 upon the ballot, he shall receive a partial ballot.
37 If the voter is a woman, she shall receive a special
38 ballot containing the names of candidates for
39 school committee only.