

HOUSE No. 18.

Bill accompanying the petition of William J. Tyler and another for legislation to prohibit the holding of office by persons who have served criminal sentences within five years. Election Laws. January 9.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to Candidates for Elective Offices.

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. No citizen of this Commonwealth
2 shall be eligible as a candidate for any elective
3 office, whether national, state or municipal, who,
4 in the five years preceding, shall have served any
5 criminal sentence, except imprisonment for con-
6 tempt of court, in any county or city jail, house
7 of correction or state prison, unless pardoned on
8 the express ground of innocence.

1 SECTION 2. Section one hundred and thirty-
2 six of chapter eleven of the Revised Laws is
3 hereby amended by adding, at the end thereof,

4 the following: *provided, however,* that if a
5 party nominate as its candidate for any elective
6 office a person who, in the five years preceding,
7 shall have served any criminal sentence, except
8 imprisonment for contempt of court, in any county
9 or city jail, house of correction or state prison, he
10 shall be deemed ineligible and his name shall not
11 be printed on the official ballot, unless said per-
12 son shall have been pardoned on the ground of
13 innocence.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.