

SENATE No. 331.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

AMENDMENTS OF THE SENATE BILL RELATIVE TO ELECTIONS AND CAUCUSES (SENATE, No. 292) ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE.

In section two, inserting after the word "line" in line six, the words "the words 'in Boston and no nomination paper in any other city or town;'" inserting before the word "except," in line eight, the words "in Boston, and no such vacancy in any other city or town;" inserting after the word "paper," in line thirty-six, the words "in Boston, and no nomination paper in any other city or town;" and inserting after the word "candidates," in line forty-one, the words "in Boston, and no such vacancy in any other city or town;" inserting after section ten the following new sections:—

1 SECTION 11. Notices of intention to participate
2 in primaries shall be furnished by the city and
3 town committees of such political and municipal
4 parties as are entitled to and desire to partici-
5 pate therein not less than twenty-two days prior

6 to the day on which the primaries are to be held,
7 to the election commissioners in Boston, the
8 city clerk in other cities or the town clerk in
9 towns. Said notices shall state the number of
10 delegates to be chosen to each convention and
11 the number of members of a ward or town com-
12 mittee to be elected in each ward or town.

1 SECTION 12. Blank nomination papers for pri-
2 maries shall be prepared and delivered by the
3 election commissioners in Boston, the city clerk
4 in other cities or the town clerk in towns, to any
5 voter applying therefor after the notice required
6 by section one of this act has been received.

1 SECTION 13. Objections to nomination papers,
2 and all other questions relating thereto, shall be
3 considered in Boston by the ballot law commission
4 of said city; in other cities by the board of regis-
5 trars, the city clerk and the city solicitor; and in
6 towns by the board of registrars.

1 SECTION 14. The election commissioners in
2 Boston, the city clerks in other cities, and the
3 town clerks in towns may designate two inspect-
4 ors and two deputy inspectors, representing the
5 two leading political parties, instead of a larger
6 number, to serve at the primaries, and from the
7 whole body of election officers they may desig-
8 nate officers equally representing the two leading
9 political parties to serve as tellers in any precinct
10 or ward during part of the day for the purpose of

11 receiving ballots, checking names, or canvassing
12 and counting votes, such tellers to receive such
13 part of a full day's compensation of election
14 officers as the election commissioners in Boston,
15 the board of aldermen in other cities, or the select-
16 men in towns, may determine.

1 SECTION 15. Chapter four hundred and fifty-
2 four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
3 three is hereby amended by striking out section
4 thirteen and inserting in place thereof the fol-
5 lowing : —

6 *Section 13.* The election commissioners in
7 Boston, the city clerks in other cities, and town
8 clerks in towns, shall canvass the returns of votes,
9 determine the results, issue proper certificates
10 thereof to the successful candidates, and notify
11 the chairmen of the city or town committees of
12 the respective parties as to the persons who have
13 been elected delegates to conventions and mem-
14 bers of ward and town committees.

15 They shall also certify to the facts required by
16 law as to certificates of nominations of represent-
17 atives to the general court, and shall file such
18 certificates with the secretary of the Common-
19 wealth on or before the Thursday designated by
20 law therefor.

1 SECTION 16. Said chapter is hereby further
2 amended by adding to section fourteen the fol-
3 lowing : — and the city or town clerk, or in Bos-
4 ton the board of election commissioners, shall

5 notify the chairman or secretary of the committee
6 of the political party interested.

1 SECTION 17. Section sixteen of said chapter
2 is hereby amended by striking out the said sec-
3 tion and inserting in place thereof the follow-
4 ing : —

5 *Section 16.* In Boston conventions to nomi-
6 nate candidates for school committee shall be
7 called for and held on the eighth day after the
8 primaries before the city election; certificates of
9 nomination by such conventions shall be filed
10 before five o'clock in the afternoon of the ninth
11 day after said primaries. Nomination papers for
12 city offices shall be filed before five o'clock in the
13 afternoon of the eleventh day after said primaries;
14 objections to and withdrawals from nominations
15 of candidates for city offices shall be filed before
16 five o'clock in the afternoon of the thirteenth day
17 after said primaries; certificates of nomination to
18 fill vacancies caused by withdrawals therefrom
19 shall be filed before five o'clock in the afternoon
20 of the fifteenth day after said primaries.

1 SECTION 18. In any city or town which has
2 adopted or may have adopted said chapter, the
3 following question shall be put on the official
4 ballot at any city election or annual meeting on
5 petition of five per centum of the voters registered
6 at the time of the preceding city election or
7 annual meeting of a town, filed on or before the
8 last day of filing nomination papers: — “Shall

9 joint caucuses or primaries continue to be held in
10 this city (or town)?” In any city or town not
11 nominating by primaries the following question
12 may, by similar petition, be put on the ballot at the
13 next city election or annual meeting:—“Shall
14 joint caucuses or primaries be held in this city
15 (or town) under the provisions of chapter four
16 hundred and fifty-four of the acts of the year
17 nineteen hundred and three as amended by chap-
18 ter of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
19 and five?” In the event of an affirmative or
20 negative vote on these questions, primaries shall
21 or shall not thereafter be held accordingly.

1 SECTION 19. Chapter three hundred and sev-
2 enty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hun-
3 dred and four and all other acts or parts of acts
4 inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

