

HOUSE No. 389.

Bill accompanying the petition of Richard L. Gay for legislation to provide for changes in the election laws relative to the nomination of candidates for elective offices in cases of a tie vote. Election Laws, January 18.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

AN ACT

To provide for the Nomination of Candidates for an Elective Office in Case of a Tie Vote.

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 last paragraph of section ninety-
2 three of chapter eleven of the Revised Laws is
3 hereby amended by adding to the end of said para-
4 graph the following words:— *in case of a failure*
5 *to proceed to another ballot or to adjourn to some*
6 *subsequent day the nomination may be made by the*
7 *city or town committee representing the political*
8 *party or persons who held the caucus,— so that*
9 said paragraph shall read as follows:—

10 If a majority of a delegation of a ward or town
11 committee, or of caucus officers is not elected, or
12 there is a tie vote for candidates for an elective
13 office, the caucus shall at once proceed to another
14 ballot, unless some one present entitled to vote ob-
15 jects; in which case the caucus shall adjourn to any
16 subsequent day. The hour and place shall, if prac-
17 ticable, be the same as that named in the call; *in*
18 *case of a failure to proceed to another ballot or to*
19 *adjourn to some subsequent day the nomination may*
20 *be made by the city or town committee representing*
21 *the political party or persons who held the caucus.*

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