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Bill accompanying the petition of Richard L. Gay for legislation relative to political designations of candidates nominated by nomination papers. Election Laws. January 20.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Political Designations of Candidates Nominated by Nomination Papers.

*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. Paragraph two of section one hun-  
2 dred and seventy-five of chapter five hundred and  
3 sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
4 seven is hereby amended by striking out after the  
5 word " designation," in the nineteenth line, the fol-  
6 lowing words: " except as describing and preceding  
7 some other name or term which shall not be the  
8 name of any party which cast at the last preceding  
9 election more than three thousand votes for gover-

10 nor; and if so used in case of a candidate nominated  
11 by a nomination paper, the political designation  
12 shall consist of not more than two words, shall not  
13 be changed after having been placed upon the pa-  
14 per," — so that said paragraph shall read as fol-  
15 lows: — If a candidate is nominated otherwise than  
16 by a political party, the name of a political party  
17 shall not be used in his political designation. Cer-  
18 tificates of nomination and nomination papers for  
19 town officers may or may not include a designation  
20 of the party or principle which the candidate repre-  
21 sents.

1 SECTION 2. Paragraph four of section two hun-  
2 dred and thirty of said chapter five hundred and  
3 sixty, namely, lines twenty-four to twenty-eight, in-  
4 clusive, is hereby amended by striking out the whole  
5 paragraph.

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