

SENATE No. 3

To accompany the petition of Roger Sherman Hoar that provision be made for a special election to determine the popular preference for United States Senator. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To provide for a Special Election to determine the Popular Preference for United States Senator.

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. On the fifth Tuesday following the pas-
2 sage of this act there shall be held a special state election
3 unless prior to that day the legislature shall have elected
4 a United States senator. The ballots shall contain the
5 following question: — For popular preference for United
6 States senator; followed by the names of the nominees for
7 United States senator.

1 SECTION 2. Nominations shall be made only in the
2 following manner: Any political party represented in the
3 legislature may hold one caucus of its senators and repre-

4 sentatives, which caucus may make one nomination. A
5 nomination may also be made by nomination papers signed
6 by ten members of the legislature, who do not attend the
7 caucus of any party. Signatures appearing on more than
8 one nomination paper shall be void as to both. Certifi-
9 cates of nomination and nomination papers shall be filed
10 with the secretary of the commonwealth on the third
11 Thursday preceding the election, before five o'clock in the
12 afternoon.

1 SECTION 3. The laws relating to elections shall govern
2 in so far as applicable, except in so far as inconsistent
3 with the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.