

HOUSE No. 1254

Bill accompanying the petition of David F. Sullivan for legislation to authorize absent voters to vote at state and national elections. Election Laws. January 15.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

Authorizing Voters who are Absent to Vote at State and National Elections.

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. A voter who is absent from the city or
2 town in which he is a voter on the day of a state or
3 national election, may have his vote recorded by visiting
4 a justice of the peace, stating that he is a qualified voter
5 of the city or town in which he resides, giving his age,
6 street and number, if any, precinct and ward, and pre-
7 vious residence, if any, swear or affirm that the answers
8 given are correct, and that the same be telegraphed to
9 the city clerk, town clerk or election commissioners, to-
10 gether with the name of the justice of the peace, his

11 office number, etc.: *provided*, that the telegram be re-
12 ceived not later than the hour for the closing of the polls.

1 SECTION 2. Whoever falsely sends or causes to be
2 delivered a telegram purporting to be in accordance with
3 this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than one
4 hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not less than
5 three months for each offence.
