

HOUSE No. 1628

Bill accompanying the petition of Ernest A. Witt for legislation to change the date on which nomination papers must be submitted to registrars of voters. Election Laws. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Date on which Nomination Papers must be Submitted to Registrars of Voters.

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 six of chapter five hundred and fifty of the acts
2 of the year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended
3 by striking out, in line two, the word "Saturday", and
4 inserting in place thereof the word: — Wednesday, —
5 so as to read as follows: — *Section 6.* Every nomination
6 paper shall be submitted on or before five o'clock in the
7 afternoon of the Wednesday preceding the day on which
8 it must be filed to the registrars of the city or town in
9 which the signers appear to be voters, and in Boston to
10 the election commissioners, who shall forthwith certify
11 thereon the number of signatures which are names of

12 voters, and from and after the first day of July in the
13 year nineteen hundred and twelve, enrolled voters, of
14 the party represented by the candidate whose name ap-
15 pears in the nomination paper both in the city or town
16 and in the district for which the nomination is made.
17 They need not certify a greater number of names than
18 are required to make a nomination with one fifth of such
19 number added thereto. Names not certified in the first
20 instance shall not thereafter be certified on the same
21 nomination papers. The secretary of the commonwealth
22 shall not be required in any case to receive nomination
23 papers for a candidate after receiving papers containing
24 a sufficient number of certified names to make a nomina-
25 tion with one fifth of such number added thereto.

26 No person shall be a candidate for nomination for
27 more than one office for which nominations are made
28 under this act; but this shall not apply to candidates for
29 membership in political committees or delegations to the
30 state convention.