

HOUSE No. 959

Bill accompanying the petition of David F. Sullivan relative to elections in the city of Holyoke. Election Laws. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Nominations and Elections in the City of Holyoke.

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. Section three of chapter six hundred
2 and eight of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
3 and thirteen is hereby amended by striking out in the
4 form of certification, the words "board of registrars",
5 and inserting in place thereof the words: — city clerk,
6 — so that the last sentence of the said certification will
7 read as follows: — In case of the death, withdrawal or
8 incapacity of the above nominee, after written accept-
9 ance filed with the city clerk, we authorize (names of
10 a committee of not less than five of the signers of this
11 paper) to fill the vacancy in the manner prescribed by
12 law.

1 SECTION 2. Section five of the said chapter is hereby
2 amended by striking out the word "filed", in the
3 second line, and inserting in place thereof the word:—
4 submitted, — also by inserting after the word "invalid",
5 in the ninth line, the words:— and such papers shall
6 be preserved by the board of registrars of voters for one
7 year, — and also by inserting after the word "election",
8 in the twelfth line, the words:— and said board, or
9 any member thereof, shall file with the city clerk on or
10 before the second Wednesday preceding the city election
11 all papers submitted and certified to by them, with the
12 exception of papers found to be invalid, — so as to
13 read as follows:— *Section 5.* After the said nomina-
14 tion papers have been submitted, the board of registrars
15 of voters shall certify thereon the number of signatures
16 which are the names of registered voters in the city quali-
17 fied to sign the same. They need not certify a greater
18 number of names than is required to make a nomination,
19 with one fifth of such number added thereto. All such
20 papers found not to contain a number of names so certi-
21 fied equivalent to the number required to make a nomina-
22 tion shall be invalid, and such papers shall be preserved
23 by the board of registrars of voters for one year. The
24 board of registrars of voters shall complete their certifi-
25 cation on or before five o'clock in the afternoon on the
26 second Tuesday preceding the city election, and said
27 board, or any member thereof, shall file with the city
28 clerk on or before the second Wednesday preceding the
29 city election all papers submitted and certified to by
30 them with the exception of papers found to be invalid.
31 The certification shall not preclude any voter from filing
32 objections as to the validity of the nomination.