

HOUSE No. 1586

Bill accompanying the petition of Victor Francis Jewett relative to providing that a receipt be given on the filing of nomination papers. Election Laws. January 23.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Filing of 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. It shall be the duty of every officer
2 authorized to accept, certify or file nomination
3 papers to give a receipt for such papers to the per-
4 son presenting the same. If such papers are not
5 delivered in person but are sent by mail or express
6 or otherwise, a receipt shall be sent to the person
7 transmitting them, or if the name and address of
8 the transmitter are not known, the receipt shall
9 be sent to the person whose name stands first on
10 the signatures to each paper. A form of receipt
11 to be given for nomination papers, as above, shall
12 be prepared and furnished by the secretary of the
13 commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. In case a nomination paper is lost
2 in the mail, or is otherwise lost in transmission,
3 the person nominated by the paper shall have the
4 right to have his name placed on the ballot as if
5 the nomination paper had been duly received, pro-
6 vided that the loss is discovered and the fact that
7 there was such a paper and that it was sufficient in
8 all respects to fulfill the requirements of the law,
9 is proved to the secretary of the commonwealth or
10 other officer whose duty it is to prepare the ballot
11 for the primary or election concerned, at a date
12 sufficiently early for the name to be inserted in its
13 proper place upon the ballot before the ballots are
14 printed.

1 SECTION 3. Failure to comply with the provisions
2 of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less
3 than five nor more than one hundred dollars for
4 each offence.