

HOUSE . . . No. 1606

By Mr. Hannon of Boston, petition of Charles H. McGlue for legislation to authorize registration of voters by city clerks and election commissioners in certain instances. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS BY CITY CLERKS AND ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

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 thirty-three of chapter fifty-one of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding after
3 the word "witnesses", in the fourth line, the words:
4 — except that in cities where the city clerk is also a
5 member of the board of registrars, the city clerk or
6 any duly authorized person, and in cities having elec-
7 tion commissioners, any commissioner or any duly
8 designated deputy or agent, during regular office
9 hours, shall receive applications for registration and
10 examine on oath applicants and witnesses, — so that
11 said section as amended shall read as follows:—
12 *Section 33.* Any registrar, at a place appointed for
13 registration, on the days and during the hours desig-
14 nated for the purpose, may receive applications for
15 registration and examine on oath applicants and
16 witnesses, except that in cities where the city clerk

17 is also a member of the board of registrars, the city
18 clerk, or any duly authorized person, and in cities
19 having election commissioners, any commissioner or
20 any duly designated deputy or agent, during regu-
21 lar office hours, shall receive applications for registra-
22 tion and examine on oath applicants and witnesses;
23 but all doings of one registrar, commissioner, deputy
24 or agent shall be subject to the revision and accept-
25 ance of the board.