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By Mr. Finnegan of Everett, petition of Kevin H. White (Secretary of the Commonwealth) for legislation to provide a final date for filing petitions to place questions on the election ballot. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

### AN ACT PROVIDING A FINAL FILING DATE FOR PETITIONS TO PLACE QUESTIONS ON THE ELECTION BALLOT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 58A, as amended by chapter 43 of the acts
- 3 of 1959, the following section:—
- 4 *Section 58B.* Whenever the question of the acceptance of
- 5 a law may be included by petition on the ballot for the election
- 6 of officers at a city, town or state election, and no final date for
- 7 the filing with the city or town clerk or state secretary of the
- 8 petition is provided, such final date shall be thirty-five days
- 9 before the city or town election, or sixty days before the state
- 10 election. Section seven of chapter fifty-three shall also apply
- 11 to said petition, so far as apt.

The Constitution of Massachusetts

Chapter 151B, Section 1

It is the duty of every citizen to support the laws of the Commonwealth and to pay the taxes thereon.

The Legislature shall have the sole and exclusive power of raising and appropriating money, and of regulating the public debt.

The Governor shall have the honor and privilege of pardon, and may commute or remit the punishment of any offender against the laws of the Commonwealth.

The Executive Council shall be chosen by the Governor and shall hold office for one year.

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