
By Mr. Sears of Boston, petition of John W. Sears and another for requiring that books of signatures of voters be furnished to polling places and for the discontinuance of police listing of voters. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT BOOKS OF SIGNATURES OF VOTERS BE FURNISHED TO POLLING PLACES AND PROVIDING FOR NEW SIGNATURES IN ORDER THAT THE POLICE LISTING PROCESS CAN BE DISCONTINUED.

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 76A of chapter 54 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended to read as follows:—

3 *Section 76A.* Every person upon applying to vote shall
4 write his name in a book prepared for the purpose, unless the
5 voter declares under oath to the presiding officer that by
6 reason of blindness or other physical disability he is unable to
7 write. A woman married since she registered shall sign her
8 former name and her present name. Alphabetized poll books
9 for this purpose shall be prepared in a form approved by the
10 secretary of state. Poll books shall be used by the election
11 officers or clerks in accordance with instructions prescribed by
12 the secretary of state with the object of establishing in future
13 elections an effective test of identity by matching of signa-
14 tures. If a voter fails to vote in two successive elections his
15 registration shall be revoked and he shall be notified of the
16 revocation by first class mail.

1 SECTION 2. Section 36 of chapter 51 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3 The registrars shall also obtain the signature of each
 4 applicant on a separate page for purposes of forming a poll
 5 book in each polling place as provided by section seventy-six
 6 A of chapter fifty-four of the General Laws, in accordance
 7 with the form approved by the secretary of state.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of December first,
 2 nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.