

SENATE No. 257

By Mr. Moakley, a petition of John J. Moakley for legislation to increase the number of signatures required to be certified on nomination papers for primary elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO BE CERTIFIED ON NOMINATION PAPERS FOR PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

1 *Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to make primary elections more
3 orderly, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, neces-
4 sary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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 46 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as most re-
2 cently amended by section 8 of chapter 337 of the acts of 1941,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence in
4 paragraph two and inserting in place thereof the following: —
5 The provisions of section seven relative to the names not
6 certified in the first instance shall apply to such papers. The
7 registrars shall certify the number of names that are required
8 to make a nomination increased by one-half thereof.

By the Hon. the Attorney-General, in answer to a question put to him by the Hon. the Member for the County of London, on the 11th July 1901, that the number of persons who had been convicted of the offence of carrying on a business in violation of the provisions of the Act of 1891, was 1,000.

The Government of the County of London

In the Year 1901 the County of London was divided into 100 wards.

AND BY THE ACT OF PARLIAMENT THE SEVERAL WARD COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED TO THE SEVERAL WARDS OF THE COUNTY OF LONDON.

I. Whereas the improved operation of the Act would tend to the better management of the County of London, and to the better management of the County of London, which is to make provision for the better management of the County of London, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, and the Government of the County of London is hereby authorized to make such provision as may be necessary for the better management of the County of London, and by the authority of the Government of the County of London, on the 11th July 1901.

2. Section 11 of Chapter 61 of the County of London Act, 1891, is hereby amended by section 2 of Chapter 221 of the Act of 1901, so that the words "and the County of London" shall be substituted for the words "and the County of London" in the first sentence of the said section. —

3. Paragraph two and last of the said section shall be amended as follows: —

4. The provisions of section seven relative to the number of members of the County Council shall apply to each ward. The number of members shall be the number of members that are named in the first column of the schedule annexed to this Act.

5. To make a provision annexed by one-half thereof.