

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1599

By Mr. Scalli of Boston, petition of Arthur P. Lewis that candidates for public office be protected against fraudulent withdrawals from the election ballots. Election Laws.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO PROTECT CANDIDATES FOR ALL PUBLIC OFFICES AGAINST FRAUDULENT WITHDRAWALS FROM SUCH OFFICES IN ALL ELECTIONS.

*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. The secretary of state shall be required to pro-  
2 tect all candidates for public office in case of a fraudulent with-  
3 drawal filed in any candidate's name after being certified for  
4 such ballot.

1 SECTION 2. The state ballot law commission shall rule against  
2 such fraudulent withdrawals only when the candidate notifies,  
3 in writing, the secretary of the commonwealth of such fraudu-  
4 lent withdrawal before the last day of the state ballot law com-  
5 mission hearings.

1 SECTION 3. The state ballot law commission shall be re-  
2 quired to conduct all hearings, in the order of submission, for  
3 all objections, to nomination papers and withdrawals, properly  
4 time stamped by the state secretary.

By Mr. Smith of Indiana, section of Article V, 1867, that candidates for public office be prohibited against fraudulent advertisements from the common market.

### The Commonality of Candidates

In the Year One Thousand Five Hundred and Sixty

AN ACT TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM ALL FRAUDULENT ADVERTISEMENTS IN ALL ELECTIONS AND TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM SUCH ADVERTISEMENTS IN ALL ELECTIONS.

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. The secretary of state shall be required to provide all candidates for public office in case of a fraudulent advertisement filed in any candidate's name after being notified for such ballot.

1. Section 2. The state ballot law remains in full force and effect, and no candidate shall be allowed to appear on the ballot unless he is in writing the secretary of the commonwealth of such candidate's name before the last day of the state ballot law campaign meeting.

1. Section 3. The state ballot law remains in full force and effect, and no candidate shall be allowed to appear on the ballot unless he is in writing the secretary of the commonwealth of such candidate's name before the last day of the state ballot law campaign meeting, and will file with the secretary of the commonwealth of such candidate's name before the last day of the state ballot law campaign meeting.