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By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of Michael Paul Feeney for legislation to limit the purposes of pre-primary conventions. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

### AN ACT TO LIMIT THE PURPOSES OF PRE-PRIMARY CONVENTIONS.

*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 54 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as most re-  
3 cently amended by chapter 29 of the acts of 1966, and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following sentence:—The chairman of  
5 the state committee of a political party shall issue a call on or  
6 before the first Wednesday in May to hold a state convention,  
7 to be held not earlier than June fifth and not later than June  
8 twenty-seventh, in a year in which a biennial state election is  
9 held, for the purpose of adopting a platform and for such other  
10 purposes consistent with law as the convention may deter-  
11 mine, provided, however, that no vote shall be taken upon the  
12 election, nomination or endorsement for nomination of any  
13 candidate.

1 SECTION 2. Section fifty-four C of said chapter fifty-three is  
2 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. Section 54D of said chapter 53 is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the last two paragraphs, as appear-  
3 ing in section 8 of chapter 406 of the acts of 1953, and insert-  
4 ing in place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 The permanent chairman and permanent secretary shall be  
6 chosen upon a call of the official roll. Committees of the con-  
7 vention shall be appointed by the convention, or by the per-  
8 manent chairman, as the convention may order. When the  
9 vote of the convention is taken upon any matter lawfully pend-

10 ing before the convention, the roll of the delegates shall be  
 11 called and each delegate when his name is called shall arise in  
 12 his place and announce his vote, except that the monitor of a  
 13 group, unless a member of the group objects, may announce  
 14 the vote of such group.

15 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect in the year nineteen  
 16 hundred and seventy-two and shall apply to the state con-  
 17 vention to be held in said year and thereafter.