

HOUSE No. 554

By Mr. Landry of Waltham, petition of Richard E. Landry for legislation to repeal the law providing for pre-primary conventions. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW PROVIDING FOR 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. The first sentence of section 2 of chapter 53
2 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 407
3 of the acts of 1966, is hereby further amended by striking out,
4 in lines 3 and 4, the words “, and except as provided in section
5 fifty-four”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 53 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the second sentence, as most recently
3 amended by section 1 of chapter 56 of the acts of 1966, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The secre-
5 tary shall within the seventy-two hours succeeding five o'clock
6 in the afternoon of the day upon which the caucus was held or
7 the session of the convention terminated, and within the time
8 specified in section ten, file such certificate at the place speci-
9 fied in section nine .

1 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 34 of said chap-
2 ter 53, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 406 of the acts of
3 1953, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 13 and 14,
4 the words, “endorsed for nomination by a state convention.”.

1 SECTION 4. Section 44 of said chapter 53 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first two sentences and inserting
3 in place thereof the following two sentences: — The nomination
4 of candidates for nomination at state primaries shall be by

5 nomination papers. In the case of offices to be filled by all
6 voters of the commonwealth nomination papers shall be signed
7 in the aggregate by at least five thousand voters, not more than
8 twelve hundred and fifty of the total number required to be
9 from any one county.

1 SECTION 5. Said chapter 53 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 54 and the caption preceding said section,
3 and by striking out section 54C and 54D.

1 SECTION 6. Section 9 of chapter 52 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as most
3 recently amended by section 1 of chapter 406 of the acts of
4 1963, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
5 The state committee shall fix the number of delegates to a
6 state convention, not less than one for each ward and each
7 town, to be chosen by the ward or town committee.