
By Mrs. Gannett of Wayland, petition of Ann C. Gannett for legislation to establish procedures for resolving town elections resulting in ties. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING TOWN ELECTIONS RESULTING IN A TIE.

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. Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 10 the following section: —
3 *Section 10A.* If there is a failure at an election to choose a
4 town officer because two or more candidates received the same
5 number of votes, which number was also the highest number,
6 any other candidate receiving fewer votes may request in
7 writing that his name be omitted from any subsequent ballot.
8 The officer shall then be chosen from among the remaining
9 candidates at a subsequent election held in conformity with
10 law.

1 SECTION 2. Section 10 of chapter 41 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by chapter 201 of the acts of 1954,
3 is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following
4 paragraph: —

5 If a failure at an election to choose a town officer is due to
6 a tie in the highest number of votes received by two or more
7 candidates, the procedures for electing an officer on a sub-
8 sequent ballot shall be governed by the provisions of section
9 ten A.

Our Government of 1897-1898

In the year 1897, the Government of the United States was in a state of transition. The President, William McKinley, had just been elected, and the new Congress was about to convene. The country was in the midst of a period of rapid industrial growth, and the Government was faced with the task of managing the economy and the foreign relations of the United States.

SECTION 1. The first of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, known as the Bill of Rights, was adopted by the States in 1791. It consists of the first ten amendments to the original Constitution, and it is one of the most important parts of the Constitution. It guarantees certain rights to the people, such as the right of free speech, the right of a fair trial, and the right of privacy.

SECTION 2. The second of the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, known as the Second Amendment, was adopted in 1791. It guarantees the right of the people to keep and bear arms. This right is one of the most important rights guaranteed by the Constitution, and it is one of the most controversial. The right to keep and bear arms is a fundamental right, and it is one of the most important rights guaranteed by the Constitution.