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By Mr. LaFontaine of Gardner, petition of Raymond M. LaFontaine and another relative to the number of votes necessary to nominate a candidate not on the ballot of a primary election. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NUMBER OF VOTES NECESSARY TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE NOT ON THE BALLOT OF A PRIMARY ELECTION.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 53 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 striking out section 40, as amended by chapter 30 of the acts  
3 of 1932, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 *Section 40.* No person who is a candidate at a primary for  
5 nomination for or election to a political office, and whose  
6 name is not printed on the ballot therefor, shall be deemed to  
7 be nominated or elected unless he receives twice the number of  
8 votes as the number of signatures which would be required by  
9 law to place his name on the ballot at such primary as a  
6 candidate as aforesaid.

