

By Mr. Carrigan, a petition of Carl K. King for legislation to make changes in listing of candidates for office on state and local ballots. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING CHANGES IN LISTING OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE ON STATE AND LOCAL BALLOTS.

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 42 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 Under the designation of the office, the names of the candi-
5 date for each elective office shall be arranged in such order as
6 is determined by lot, under the direction of the state secretary,
7 who shall notify each candidate and give a representative of
8 each such candidate an opportunity to be present.

9 The second paragraph of said section 42 is hereby amended
10 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
11 thereof the following sentence:

12 Under the designation of the office, the names of the candi-
13 dates for each municipal elective office shall, except where city
14 charters provide otherwise, be arranged in such order as is
15 determined by lot, under the direction of the state secretary,
16 who shall notify each candidate and give a representative of
17 each such candidate an opportunity to be present.

1 SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section 34 of chapter 53
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the
3 third, fourth and fifth sentences and inserting in place thereof
4 the following sentence:

5 Names of candidates for each elective office and for state

6 committee shall be arranged in such order as is determined
 7 by lot, under the direction of the state secretary, who shall
 8 notify each candidate and give a representative of each such
 9 candidate an opportunity to be present.

10 Said section 34 is hereby further amended by striking out
 11 the second and third paragraph.