

HOUSE No. 5470

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 12, 1974.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 233) of Francis C. Lapointe relative to the publication of names not on the annual register of qualified voters; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1583) of the Americans for Democratic Action, Barney Frank, William D. Delahunt, Paul H. Guzzi, Melvin H. King, James Segel, John A. Businger, Thomas G. Simons, Laurence R. Buxbaum and Doris Bunte relative to the listing of names not entered on the annual register of qualified voters, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5470) ought to pass.

For the committee,

WILLIAM D. DELAHUNT.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATING TO THE LISTING OF NAMES NOT ENTERED ON THE ANNUAL REGISTER OF QUALIFIED VOTERS.

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 37 of chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following sentences: —

4 They shall, on or before the first Monday of June in each year,
5 send notice in writing to each voter of the preceding year whose
6 name has not been entered in the annual register of the current
7 year that the name of such voter has not been so entered, such
8 notice to be sent by first class mail enclosed in an envelope
9 bearing the proper address to which the same may be returned in
10 case of non-delivery, and the registrars shall, on or before the
11 first Monday of July in each year, prepare a list of the names of
12 voters not so entered, which shall be open to public inspection in
13 their principal office, and shall be posted by copy in the places
14 where voting lists are required to be posted under section
15 fifty-seven of chapter fifty-one. The registrars, in addition, may
16 publish such lists in a local newspaper. Copies of said lists shall be
17 made available to members of the public upon payment of the
18 cost of the copying thereof.