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By Mr. King, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 402) of John G. King for legislation relative to the time for filing certificates of nomination and nomination papers. Election Laws.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-one.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME FOR FILING CERTIFICATES OF  
NOMINATION AND NOMINATION PAPERS.

*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 10 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently  
3 amended by section 3 of chapter 927 of the acts of 1977, and  
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers of  
6 candidates for offices to be filled at a state election shall be  
7 filed on or before the eighteenth Tuesday preceding the day  
8 of the election, except that such certificates or nomination  
9 papers for candidates for offices to be filled by all the voters  
10 of the commonwealth or for congressman shall be filed on or  
11 before the seventeenth Tuesday preceding the day of the elec-  
12 tion. If there is a special election to fill the office of congress-  
13 man, all certificates of nomination and nomination papers  
14 shall be filed on or before the tenth Tuesday preceding the  
15 day of such election. If there is a special election to fill any  
16 other state office, all certificates of nomination and nomination  
17 papers shall be filed on or before the ninth Tuesday preceding  
18 the day of such election.

