
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 10, 1982.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 325) of David H. Locke, Royall H. Switzler, Robert A. Hall and Robert C. Buell for legislation to establish pre-election conventions; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 330) of Martin T. Reilly for legislation to provide for designation of party affiliation on any ballot; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 333) of Joseph B. Walsh and William J. Morat for legislation to provide for designation of party affiliation on the ballot; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 334) of Peter C. Webber for legislation relative to the nomination papers of candidates; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1734) of Martin T. Reilly for legislation to provide for the statement of voter preference for candidates for the office of Vice-President of the United States; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2775) of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., for legislation to provide for the election of members to ward and town committees for the filling of vacancies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2776) of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., relative to providing for the election of city, ward and town committee members; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2777) of Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., relative to providing for the election of state committees of political parties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2778) of Andrew S. Natsios relative to the nomination papers of candidates for public office; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2780) of Andrew S. Natsios relative to establishing preprimary conventions for political parties; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3315) of William G. Robinson and other members of the House relative to nomination papers of candidates for public office; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3588) of Edward Dickson that certain candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor be nominated in groups; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3730) of Royall H. Switzler and Robert C. Buell for legislation to establish

pre-primary conventions for political parties; reports the accompanying order (Senate, No. 1880).

For the Committee,

PHILIP L. SHEA

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1 *Ordered*, That a special committee, to consist of three mem-
2 bers of the senate to be designated by the president thereof,
3 and five members of the house of representatives to be desig-
4 nated by the speaker thereof, be authorized to sit during re-
5 cess of the General Court for the purpose of making an in-
6 vestigation and study relative to the establishment of so called
7 "binding" conventions and reorganize party structure, the re-
8 lationship of party roles to the state law, and the time table
9 for filing signatures to gain access to the ballot. Said commit-
10 tee shall in the course of its investigation and study consider
11 current Senate documents numbered 325, petition for legis-
12 lation to establish pre election conventions; 330, petition for
13 legislation to provide for designation of party affiliation on any
14 ballot; 333, petition for legislation to provide for designation
15 of party affiliation; 334, petition relative to the nomination
16 papers of candidates; 1734, petition for legislation to provide
17 for the statement of voter preference for candidates for the
18 office of Vice President of the United States: and current
19 house documents numbered 2775, petition for legislation to
20 provide for the election of members to ward and town commit-
21 tees for the filling of vacancies; 2776, relative to providing for
22 the election of city, ward and town committee members; 2777,
23 relative to providing for the election of state committees of
24 political parties; 2778, petition relative to the nomination
25 papers of candidates to public office; 2780, relative to estab-
26 lishing pre-primary conventions; 3315, relative to nomination
27 papers of candidates for public office; 3588, petition that cer-
28 tain candidates for the office of Governor and Lt. Governor
29 be nominated in groups; and 3730, legislation to establish pre-
30 primary conventions for political parties. Said committee shall
31 be provided with quarters in the statehouse or elsewhere, may
32 hold hearings, may travel within the commonwealth, and may
33 expend for clerical and other assistance and expenses such
34 sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said committee shall

35 report to the house of representatives the results of its in-
36 vestigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, to-
37 gether with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-
38 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
39 house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday in
40 January, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.