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SENATE No. 1529

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1529) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to prohibit exit polling on election day. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

**AN ACT REGULATING ACTIVITY WITHIN THE VICINITY OF POLLING
PLACES.**

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 71 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws as appearing
2 in the Tercentenary Edition is hereby amended by adding the
3 following sentence: —

4 In order to keep access to and from polling places open and
5 unobstructed, any person who, within the building where a
6 polling place is located, or within one hundred fifty feet of the
7 building entrance door, communicates or attempts to com-
8 municate with voters for the purpose of influencing their vote,
9 ascertaining how they will vote, or how they have voted, shall
10 be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

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