

By Mr. Bolling, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 335) of Royal L. Bolling, Sr., and Royal L. Bolling, Jr., for legislation to establish the gathering of ethnic and racial information as part of the state decennial census. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE GATHERING OF ETHNIC AND RACIAL INFORMATION AS PART OF THE STATE DECENNIAL CENSUS.

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. Chapter 9 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out in section 7 of the following: — “In the year
3 nineteen hundred and seventy-five and every tenth year thereafter”
4 and inserting in place thereof the following: — “In the year nine-
5 teen hundred and ninety-five and every tenth year thereafter.”

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 9 of the General Laws is hereby further
2 amended in section 7 by adding after the words “. . . on the basis of
3 the newly established precincts and wards, as the case may be . . .”
4 the following: “the said census shall, in addition to the information
5 to be collected under the preceding paragraph, enumerate and
6 report the number of inhabitants of each precinct of each town
7 divided into precincts, and of each town not divided, and of each
8 precinct and ward of each city, who belong to the following racial
9 or ethnic groups: Hispanic, White, Black, Cape Verdean, Asian,
10 and Native American, according to the criteria of identification
11 used for the taking of and reporting of the federal decennial
12 census. Said state decennial census shall contain the following two
13 questions relative to ethnic and racial origin:

14 Question 1. Is this person Spanish/Hispanic

15 () YES

16 () NO

17 Question 2. Is this person:

18 () White

19 () Black or Negro

20 () Asian/Pacific Islander

21 () Cape Verdean

22 () Native American

23 () Other _____

24 ('other' shall include all those not listed above, and those
25 included in the Federal Census)."