

By Mr. Sheehy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 349) of Paul J. Sheehy for legislation to extend the time for candidates for state office to file nomination papers. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE TO FILE 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 1. The second paragraph of section 7 of chapter 53
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of
3 chapter 283 of the acts of 1982, is hereby amended by striking out
4 the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
5 sentence: — Every nomination paper of a candidate for a state
6 office shall be submitted to the registrars of the city or town where
7 the signers appear to be voters on or before five o'clock post
8 meridian of the fourteenth day preceding the day on which it must
9 be filed with the state secretary, but for candidates for statewide
10 office and representative in congress the twenty-first day preceding
11 the day on which it must be so filed; and certification of nomina-
12 tion papers of candidates for state office shall be completed no later
13 than the seventh day before the final day for filing said papers with
14 the state secretary.

1 SECTION 2. Section 10 of said chapter 53 is amended by strik-
2 ing out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by section 3
3 of chapter 134 of the acts of 1980 and inserting in its place the
4 following paragraph: —

5 All certificates of nominations and nomination papers of candi-
6 dates for the office of state representative, state senator, executive
7 council or county office shall be filed with the state secretary on or
8 before the third Tuesday in June of the year in which a state
9 election is to be held.

10 Certificates of nomination or nomination papers for the office of
11 senator in congress, representative in congress, governor, lieuten-
12 ant governor, attorney general, treasurer and receiver general,
13 state auditor and state secretary, shall be filed on or before the
14 fourth Tuesday in June of the year in which a state election is to be
15 held. If there is a special election to fill the office of representative
16 in congress, all certificates of nomination and nomination papers
17 shall be filed on or before the tenth Tuesday preceding the day of
18 such election. If there is a special election to fill any other state
19 office, all certificates of nomination and nomination papers shall
20 be filed on or before the ninth Tuesday preceding the day of such
21 election. Nomination papers for presidential elector shall be filed
22 on or before the fourth Tuesday in June of the year in which a
23 presidential election is to be held.

1 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 46 of said chapter
2 53, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 283 of the acts
3 of 1982, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Every nomina-
5 tion paper of a candidate for a state office shall be submitted to the
6 registrars of the city or town where the signers appear to be voters
7 on or before five o'clock post meridian of the fourteenth day
8 preceding the day on which it must be filed with the state secretary
9 but for candidates for statewide office and representative in con-
10 gress the twenty-first day preceding the day on which it must be so
11 filed.

1 SECTION 4. Section 47 of said chapter 53, as most recently
2 amended by section 12 of chapter 927 of the acts of 1977, is hereby
3 amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence: — Nomination papers for use in the
5 nomination of candidates for all offices shall be available for use on
6 or before the sixteenth Tuesday preceding the date by which they
7 must be submitted to registrars of voters for certification under
8 sections seven and forty-six, except in the case of primaries before
9 special election.

1 SECTION 5. Section 48 of said chapter 53 is amended by strik-
2 ing out the first and second sentences of the third paragraph, as

3 appearing in section 12A of said chapter 927, and inserting in place
4 the following sentences: — All certificates of nomination and nom-
5 ination papers of candidates for the office of state representative,
6 state senator, executive council, or county office shall be filed with
7 the state secretary on or before the third Tuesday in June of the
8 year in which a state election is to be held. Certificates of nomina-
9 tion or nomination papers for the office of senator in congress,
10 representative in congress, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney
11 general, treasurer and receiver general, state auditor and state
12 secretary, shall be filed on or before the fourth Tuesday in June of
13 the year in which a state election is to be held.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country and the progress of the work during the year. It is followed by a detailed account of the various projects and the results obtained. The report concludes with a summary of the work done and a list of the publications issued during the year.

The second part of the report contains a list of the publications issued during the year. This list is arranged in alphabetical order and includes the titles of the publications, the authors, and the publishers. It also includes a list of the publications received during the year.

The third part of the report contains a list of the names of the persons who have been elected to the various offices of the Society during the year. This list is arranged in alphabetical order and includes the names of the persons, the offices to which they have been elected, and the dates of their election.