

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to transfer the certification of names on certain nomination, initiative and referendum petitions from registrars of voters to the State Ballot Law Commission. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO TRANSFER THE CERTIFICATION OF NAMES ON CERTAIN NOMINATION, INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS FROM REGISTRARS OF VOTERS TO THE STATE BALLOT LAW COMMISSION.

*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. Section 55 of Chapter 51 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 adding the following sentence: — “All first voting lists shall be  
4 delivered up to the state ballot law commission to be used for the  
5 certification of names on nomination, initiative and referendum  
6 petitions as required by Chapter 53, Section 7, and Chapter 53,  
7 Section 46, not later than the first day of July in every year.”

1 SECTION 2. Amend Chapter 53, Section 7, by deleting the  
2 words “the registrars of the city or town where the signers appear  
3 to be voters” and replacing them with “the state ballot law  
4 commission” in Paragraph 2.

1 SECTION 3. Amend Chapter 53, Section 7, by deleting the  
2 word “registrars” and replacing it with “registrars or commission-  
3 ers” in Paragraph 3.

1 SECTION 4. Amend Chapter 53, Section 7, by deleting the  
2 words “the registrars of the city or town where the signers appear  
3 to be voters” and replacing them with “the state ballot law  
4 commission” in Paragraph 4.

1 SECTION 5. Amend Chapter 53, Section 7, by deleting the  
2 word “registrars”, and replacing it with “registrars or  
3 commissioners” in Paragraphs 5 and 7.

1 SECTION 6. Amend Chapter 53, Section 22A, by deleting the  
2 word “registrars” and replacing it with “the state ballot law  
3 commission” wherever it appears.

1 SECTION 7. Amend Chapter 53, Section 46, by deleting the  
2 words “registrars of the city or town in which the signers appear  
3 to be voters” and replacing them with “the state ballot law  
4 commission” in the second and third sentences of Paragraph 1.

1 SECTION 8. Amend Chapter 53, Section 46, by deleting the  
2 word “registrars” and replacing it with the words “registrars or  
3 commissioners” in the sixth and seventh sentences of Paragraph  
4 1 and in Paragraphs 2 and 3.

1 SECTION 9. Amend Chapter 53, Section 46, by deleting the  
2 words “board of registrars” and replacing them with “state ballot  
3 law commission” in the eighth sentence of Paragraph 1.