

HOUSE No. 1900

By Mr. Shattuck of Pepperell, petition of Elliot L. Richardson and George W. Shattuck for requiring use of a stenographer at State Ballot Law Commission hearings and providing for orders relative to printing of ballots when remand to the commission is impracticable. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT REQUIRING USE OF A STENOGRAPHER AT STATE BALLOT LAW COMMISSION HEARINGS AND PROVIDING FOR ORDERS RELATIVE TO PRINTING OF THE BALLOT WHEN REMAND TO THE COMMISSION IS IMPRACTICABLE.

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 32 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 259 of the acts of 1964, is
3 hereby further amended by adding after the first sentence the
4 following:—A stenographer shall be present at each such
5 hearing, and a stenographic transcript of the proceedings
6 shall be given to a party so requesting. The commission may
7 require the party to pay the reasonable costs of the trans-
8 cript before the said transcript is made available.

1 SECTION 2. Section 32 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 259 of the acts of 1964, is
3 hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the fol-
4 lowing sentence:—Disposition of petitions for judicial review
5 filed pursuant to this section shall be made in accordance with
6 the provisions of paragraph (8) of section fourteen of chapter
7 thirty A; provided, however, that should the court determine
8 that a candidate has been prejudiced by errors of a procedural
9 nature, and remand of the matter for further proceedings be-
10 fore the commission is impracticable, the court shall order
11 ballots printed as though no protests had been filed.

