

HOUSE No. 319

By Mr. Desrocher of Nantucket, petition of Arthur L. Desrocher relative to the placing of questions authorizing the sale of alcoholic beverages on the official ballot at biennial state elections. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLACING OF QUESTIONS AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT AT BIENNIAL STATE ELECTIONS.

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 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in chapter 511 of the acts of 1966, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word "election", in line 2, the words: — ,
4 except as hereinafter provided, — and by adding at the end the
5 following paragraph: —

6 The state secretary shall not cause any of the foregoing
7 questions to be placed on the ballot at any biennial state
8 election in any city or town in which the voters in response to
9 such questions have voted in the affirmative three consecutive
10 times or in the negative three consecutive times, unless there
11 has been filed with said secretary not later than the sixtieth
12 day before the election at which such questions are to be
13 submitted, petitions, the forms of which may be obtained from
14 said secretary, signed by registered voters of such city or town
15 the total of which are equal in number to at least ten per cent
16 of the total number of registered voters in said city or town.
17 Such petitions shall be subject to the provisions of chapter
18 fifty-three relative to initiative petitions.

HOUSE

By Mr. [Name] of [State] in relation to [Topic]...

The Committee on [Topic]

In the year 1874...

As it appears in the report of the [Committee]...

It is stated by the [Committee] that...

Section 1 of chapter 133 of the laws of 1874...

The [Committee] has the honor to acknowledge...