

By Mr. Ronayne of Canton, petition of Maurice E. Ronayne, Jr., for legislation to further regulate the nomination and election of candidates for the office of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR.

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 8 of chapter
2 53 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the
3 third sentence, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 869 of the
4 acts of 1970, and inserting in place thereof the following two
5 sentences: — Except in the case of nomination papers of candi-
6 dates for city offices, for candidates for offices to be filled by
7 all the voters of the commonwealth, or of candidates for town
8 offices, no nomination papers shall contain the name of more
9 than one candidate. Such nomination papers for candidates for
10 governor and lieutenant-governor shall contain provision for the
11 names and addresses of members of a committee of five regis-
12 tered voters who shall fill any vacancy caused by death, with-
13 drawal, ineligibility or disqualification of either candidate.

1 SECTION 2. Section 14 of said chapter 53, as appearing in
2 the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the first sentence the following sentence: — In the event of the
4 death, withdrawal, ineligibility or disqualification of a candi-
5 date for governor or lieutenant-governor who has been nomina-
6 ted by election nomination papers, except disqualification for
7 insufficient signatures, the vacancy shall be filled by majority
8 vote of the committee of five members whose names were

9 placed upon said papers for the purpose before the signatures
10 of voters were obtained thereon.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 41A, inserted by section 4 of
3 chapter 869 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: -

5 *Section 41A.* Names of candidates for the offices of gov-
6 ernor and lieutenant-governor shall be placed upon the official
7 ballot for use at state elections in groups, according to the
8 party or political principles which they represent. On the right
9 of each such group shall appear a square in which the voter
10 may designate by a cross (X) his choice. The placing of such a
11 cross in the square shall constitute a vote for the candidate for
12 governor and a vote for the candidate for lieutenant-governor
13 so designated. The order of the various groups on the ballot
14 shall be determined as follows: - The group in which appears
15 the name of a candidate for governor who is an elected incum-
16 bent shall be placed first, except as provided in section thirty-
17 three. Next in order shall appear the groups of candidates of
18 political parties, arranged alphabetically in accordance with the
19 surnames of the candidates for governor. Next, in like order,
20 shall appear the groups of candidates of parties other than
21 political parties, as defined in chapter fifty. Next, in like order,
22 shall appear those groups of candidates nominated by election
23 nomination papers.

1 SECTION 4. Section 42 of said chapter 54 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as appearing in
3 section 5 of chapter 869 of the acts of 1970, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following paragraph: - Except as provided in
5 section 41A, under the designation of the office, the names of
6 the candidates for re-election to any office to be filled at a
7 state election of which they are the elected incumbents shall,
8 except in places where voting machines are used, as provided
9 by section thirty-three, be placed first on the ballot in alpha-
10 betical order according to their surnames; next and in like
11 order the names of candidates of political parties, as defined in
12 chapter fifty, and the names of all other candidates shall follow
13 in like order.

1 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 43A of said
2 chapter 54, as appearing in section 7 of said chapter 869, is
3 hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words “gov-
4 ernor, lieutenant-governor,”.

1 SECTION 6. The third paragraph of said section 43A of said
2 chapter 54, as appearing in section 8 of said chapter 869, is
3 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 10 to 12, inclusive,
4 the words “, and next shall follow candidates for governor who
5 were not nominated by a party, then candidates for lieutenant-
6 governor who were not nominated by a party”;— and by
7 striking out, in lines 16 to 18, inclusive, the words “, followed
8 by candidates for governor who were not nominated by a
9 party, and then by candidates for lieutenant-governor who were
10 not nominated by a party”.

1 SECTION 7. Section 77A of chapter 54 of the General
2 Laws as inserted by section 9 of chapter 869 of the acts of
3 1970, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 8. Section 78 of chapter 54 as most recently
2 amended by section 2 of chapter 424 of the acts of 1970, is
3 hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— In order
4 to vote for governor and lieutenant-governor, the voter shall
5 make a cross (X) in the square at the right of the names of the
6 group of candidates for said offices for whom he desires to
7 vote, or by inserting the name and residence of any person for
8 either office in the blank space provided therefor and making a
9 cross (X) at the right; provided, however, that no such inserted
10 name may be that of a candidate whose name is printed upon
11 the ballot as a candidate for the office.

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