

HOUSE No. 4492

By Mrs. Fantasia of Somerville (by request), petition of John Doogan relative to the use of checkers at polling places. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CHECKERS AT POLLING PLACES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 23 the following section: —

3 *Section 23A.* Each candidate, ward or town committee and
4 campaign committee shall be allowed a checker in each voting
5 precinct.

6 Such checker shall be seated outside the guardrail but within
7 hearing distance of wardens checking the names of voters upon
8 the voting lists. The wardens shall inform the checker of the
9 names stricken from the voting list and the names of those who
10 have voted by absentee ballot but shall give no information
11 with respect to the state of the polls.

12 Such checker shall have authority to inspect the operation of
13 voting machiens or ballot boxes and to challenge voters. No
14 person other than such checker may be a candidates' represen-
15 tative for these purposes.

