

HOUSE No. 4836

By Mr. McGee of Lynn, petition of Thomas W. McGee for legislation to further regulate the election of members of political state committees. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF POLITICAL STATE COMMITTEES.

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 of chapter 52 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first two paragraphs and inserting
3 in place thereof the following two paragraphs: —
4 Each political party shall, in the manner herein provided,
5 elect from among its enrolled members a state committee,
6 which shall consist of one man and one woman from each
7 senatorial district, who shall be residents thereof, to be elected
8 on the first Tuesday of January in the year in which a presi-
9 dential primary is to be held by plurality vote of the members
10 of the party in the district, and such number of members as
11 may be elected by the state committee as hereinafter provided.
12 Members of said committee elected at the presidential primaries
13 from senatorial districts shall hold office for a period of four
14 years from January fifteenth next following their election.
15 Members elected by the state committee shall hold office for
16 two years from the date of their election; provided, however,
17 that in no event shall the terms of office of such members
18 extend beyond the term of office of members who were
19 elected at the presidential primaries.

20 The members of the state committee elected from among its
21 enrolled members shall within ten days after January fifteenth
22 next following their election, meet and organize by the choice
23 of a chairman, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers
24 as they may decide to elect; provided, that the members of the
25 committee shall first meet and organize temporarily by the
26 choice of a temporary chairman and a temporary secretary who
27 shall serve until a permanent chairman and a permanent secre-
28 tary are chosen, and such committee, while temporarily organ-
29 ized or at any time after its permanent organization, may add
30 to its membership.