

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOMINATION OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT SPECIAL STATE ELECTIONS. *Chap. 50*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section six of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the second line, the word "biennial", — so as to read as follows: — *Section 6.* Nominations of candidates for any offices to be filled at a state election may be made by nomination papers, stating the facts required by section eight and signed in the aggregate by not less than such number of voters as will equal three per cent of the entire vote cast for governor at the preceding biennial state election in the commonwealth at large or in the electoral district or division for which the officers are to be elected. Nominations of candidates for offices to be filled at a city or town election, except where city charters or general or special laws provide otherwise, may be made by like nomination papers, signed in the aggregate by not less than such number of voters as will equal one per cent of the entire vote cast for governor at the preceding biennial state election in the electoral district or division for which the officers are to be elected, but in no event by less than twenty voters in the case of an office to be filled at a town election. At a first election to be held in a newly established ward, the number of voters upon a nomination paper of a candidate who is to be voted for only in such ward need not exceed fifty; and at a first election in a town the number for the nomination of a candidate who is to be voted for only in such town need not exceed twenty.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 53, § 6, etc., amended.

Number of signatures on nomination papers.

*Approved March 3, 1943.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO OBJECTIONS TO INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS. *Chap. 51*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section twenty-two A of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter one hundred and ninety-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The state secretary, shall refer the same to the state ballot law commission, which shall investigate the same, and for such purpose may exercise all the powers conferred upon it relative to objections to nominations for state offices, and if it shall appear to said commission that the objections have been sustained it shall forthwith reject the petition as not in conformity with the constitution and shall notify the state secretary of its action, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 22A.* The provisions of law relative to the signing of nomination papers of candidates

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 53, § 22A, etc., amended.

Objections to signatures to