

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger relative to the time for candidates for state offices to file nomination papers. Election.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME FOR CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS.

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. Section 7 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is
2 amended by striking out in the second sentence of the second
3 paragraph, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 927 of the acts of
4 1977, the word "twenty-eighth" and inserting in its place the word
5 "twenty-first".

1 SECTION 2. Section 10 of said chapter 53 is amended by strik-
2 ing out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by section 3
3 of chapter 134 of the acts of 1980, and inserting in its place the
4 following paragraph:—

5 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers of candi-
6 dates for the office of state representative, state senator, executive
7 council, or county office shall be filed with the state secretary on or
8 before the third Tuesday in June of the year in which a state
9 election is to be held. Certificates of nomination or nomination
10 papers for the office of senator in congress, representative in
11 congress, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasur-
12 er and receiver general, state auditor and state secretary, shall be
13 filed on or before the fourth Tuesday in June of the year in which a
14 state election is to be held. If there is a special election to fill the
15 office of representative in congress, all certificates of nomination
16 and nomination papers shall be filed on or before the tenth Tues-

17 day preceding the day of such election. If there is a special election
18 to fill any other state office, all certificates of nomination and
19 nomination papers shall be filed on or before the ninth Tuesday
20 preceding the day of such election. Nomination papers for presi-
21 dential elector shall be filed on or before the fourth Tuesday in
22 June of the year in which a presidential election is to be held.

1 SECTION 3. Section 46 of said chapter 53 is amended by strik-
2 ing out in the second sentence of the first paragraph, as appearing
3 in section 11 of chapter 927 of the acts of 1977, the word “twenty-
4 eighth” and inserting in its place the word “twenty-first”.

1 SECTION 4. Section 48 of said chapter 53 is amended by strik-
2 ing out the first and second sentences of the third paragraph, as
3 appearing in section 12A of said chapter 927, and inserting in their
4 place the following sentences: —

5 All certificates of nomination and nomination papers of candi-
6 dates for the office of state representative, state senator, executive
7 council, or county office shall be filed with the state secretary on or
8 before the third Tuesday in June of the year in which a state
9 election is to be held. Certificates of nomination or nomination
10 papers for the office of senator in congress, representative in
11 congress, governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, treasur-
12 er and receiver general, state auditor and state secretary, shall be
13 filed on or before the fourth Tuesday in June of the year in which a
14 state election is to be held.