

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to eliminate the requirement to list occupations of persons on voting lists. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT TO LIST OCCUPATIONS OF PERSONS ON VOTING LISTS.

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 4 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 386 of the acts of
3 1981, is hereby further amended by striking out the first two
4 paragraphs and inserting in place the following paragraph: —

5 Registrars, assistant registrars, or boards having similar duties
6 under any special or general law, or one or more of them, except in
7 the city of Boston, shall annually in January or February visit or
8 communicate with the residents of every building in their respec-
9 tive cities and towns, and, after diligent inquiry, shall make true
10 lists containing, as nearly as they can ascertain, the name, date of
11 birth, nationality if not a citizen of the United States, and residence
12 on January first in the preceding year and in the current year, of
13 every person three years of age or older residing in their respective
14 cities and towns. A list of all persons three through twenty-one
15 years of age shall be transmitted by the board of registrars to their
16 respective school committee not later than April first in each year.
17 Said list shall contain the name, residence and age or date of birth
18 of each such person and shall be open to public inspection at
19 reasonable times. That proportion of any expenses incurred by the
20 registrars under this section, equal to the proportion that the
21 number of persons under seventeen years of age bears to the total
22 number of persons listed thereunder, shall be carried as an item in
23 the school committee budget.

24 In the city of Boston, the registrars, assistant registrars, or
25 boards having similar duties under any special or general law, or
26 one or more of them, shall annually in January or February visit or
27 communicate with the residents of every building in their respec-
28 tive city and after diligent inquiry, shall make true lists containing,
29 as nearly as they can ascertain, the name, date of birth, nationality
30 if not a citizen of the United States, and residence on January first
31 in the preceding year and in the current year, of every person
32 seventeen years of age or older, residing in their respective city.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 7, and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section: —

4 *Section 7.* On the lists prepared under section six for delivery to
5 public officers, the registrars shall name or designate all buildings
6 used as residences, in their order on the street where they are
7 located by giving the number or other definite description of each
8 building so that it can be readily identified, and shall place oppo-
9 site to or under each number or other description of a building the
10 name, date of birth, and nationality if not a citizen of the United
11 States, of every person who is listed under section four, and his
12 residence on January first of the preceding year and of the current
13 year. Every person so listed shall, if he is a registered voter, be so
14 designated by an asterisk or other symbol. A copy of said lists
15 containing the information required by this section shall be made
16 available to the chairman of each city and town committee.