

HOUSE No. 3446

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia that cities and towns be required to provide voting places which are accessible to the handicapped. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERTAINING TO POLLING PLACES FOR HANDICAPPED VOTERS.

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 24 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 272 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further
3 amended by adding a new paragraph as follows: —

4 Every city or town shall designate at least one polling place
5 within each ward, which shall be free from any architectural barriers,
6 as a special polling place for handicapped persons as defined by
7 Section 204 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended in 1974.
8 Any registered voter whose physical disabilities make voting at a
9 regular polling place inconvenient may vote at such special polling
10 place if they have notified the election commissioners in writing,
11 not more than seven days prior to a state, federal or local election,
12 of their intent to change polling place location. Paper ballots shall
13 be made at such polling places for all voters unable to use voting
14 machines.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 1

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Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.

Every State shall have at least one Representative, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in that State.

But no Representative shall be chosen for a Term longer than two Years; and no Person shall be chosen Representative who shall not, when elected, have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years shall have elapsed since the Emigration of such Person from the Territory from which he shall be chosen.

And no Person shall be a Representative who shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who, when elected, shall not, when elected, have been seven Years a Citizen of the State in which he shall be chosen.