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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 15, 1951.

The committee on Municipal Finance on the part of the House, to whom were referred the Bill providing for the arrangement of names of candidates on voting machines (House, No. 149), the Bill providing for the arrangement of names of candidates on voting machines at state elections (House, No. 1773), and the Bill to set up separate voting machines for the two major parties in the casting of votes in state primaries (House, No. 2085), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2592).

For the committee,

**MICHAEL F. SKERRY.**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One.

### AN ACT TO SET UP SEPARATE VOTING MACHINES FOR THE TWO MAJOR PARTIES IN THE CASTING OF VOTES IN STATE PRIMARIES.

*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. Chapter 54, section 33, of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chap-  
3 ter 238, acts of 1935, is hereby further amended by  
4 striking out the last sentence in the second paragraph  
5 and inserting in place thereof the following:— At  
6 state primaries separate voting machines may be used  
7 for the listing of names of candidates of each of the  
8 political parties provided that the number of machines  
9 to be used for each such party in each polling place  
10 be determined by the city or town clerk or election  
11 commissioners and notice of such determination be  
12 sent to the secretary of the commonwealth not later  
13 than ninety days preceding the day of the primary.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 54, section 33, of the General  
2 Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by  
3 adding a new paragraph immediately following the  
4 paragraph referred to in section 1 of the present bill,  
5 as follows:—

6 The arrangement of names and questions on voting  
7 machines shall be, in general, the same as on the official  
8 ballot, except as hereinbefore provided.