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By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to further define the form of signatures on nomination papers. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE FORM OF SIGNATURES ON 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 7 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as most recently
- 2 amended by Chapter 512 of the acts of 1971, is hereby further
- 3 amended by striking out the second paragraph, and inserting in
- 4 place thereof the following:-
- 5 For the purpose of this section, a registered voter who in
- 6 signing his name to a nomination paper inserts a middle name or
- 7 initial in, or omits a middle name or initial from, or substitutes a
- 8 first or middle name for an initial or an initial for a middle name
- 9 in or, provided that he has used a middle name, substitutes an
- 10 initial for a first name in, his name as registered shall be deemed
- 11 to have signed his name substantially as registered.

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The Committee on the Judiciary

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