

By Mr. Dickson of Weston, petition of Edward M. Dickson that certain candidates for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor be nominated in groups. Election Laws.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN CANDIDATES FOR THE OFFICES OF GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR BE NOMINATED IN GROUPS.

*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. The first paragraph of section 34 of chapter 53  
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after the  
3 fourth sentence the following sentences: — Names of candidates  
4 for the offices of governor and lieutenant-governor shall be  
5 placed upon the ballot in groups, according to the political  
6 parties which they represent. On the right of each group shall  
7 appear a square in which the voter may designate by a cross (X)  
8 his choice. The placing of such a cross in the square shall  
9 constitute a vote for the candidate for governor and a vote for  
10 the candidate for lieutenant-governor so designated. The order  
11 of the various groups on the ballot shall be determined as  
12 follows: — The group in which appears the name of a candidate  
13 for governor who is an incumbent shall be placed first, except as  
14 provided in section thirty-three. Next in order shall appear the  
15 groups of candidates of political parties, arranged alphabetically  
16 in accordance with the surnames of the candidates for governor.  
17 All other offices shall follow in the order prescribed by section  
18 forty-three A of chapter fifty-four.

1 SECTION 2. Section 35 of said chapter 53, as most recently  
2 amended by section 4 of chapter 337 of the acts of 1941, is  
3 hereby further amended by adding at the end of the first  
4 sentence the following words: — Except as provided in section  
5 34.

1 SECTION 3. Section 44 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting after the third sentence the  
3 following: — Nomination papers for the offices of governor and  
4 lieutenant-governor shall contain the names of candidates for  
5 both offices, together with the names and addresses of at least  
6 five voters enrolled in the party who shall fill any vacancy  
7 caused by death, withdrawal, ineligibility or disqualification of  
8 either candidate. The names and addresses of these five voters  
9 shall be inserted on the nomination papers prior to obtaining the  
10 signatures of any voters.

1 SECTION 4. Section 45 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — No nomina-  
4 tion paper for use in the nomination of candidates to be voted  
5 for at state primaries shall contain the name of more than one  
6 candidate, except in the case of governor and lieutenant-  
7 governor.

1 SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 43A of chapter  
2 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 126  
3 of the acts of 1957, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
4 word "congress," in line 5, the words: — groups of candidates of  
5 political parties for the offices of governor and lieutenant-  
6 governor.

1 SECTION 6. Section 77 of said chapter 54, as amended by  
2 section 11 of chapter 564 of the acts of 1967 is hereby further  
3 amended by inserting after the letter "E", in line 4, the words: —  
4 or section 34 of chapter 53.

1 SECTION 7. Section 78 of said chapter 54 is hereby amended  
2 by adding the following sentence: — In order to vote for  
3 governor or lieutenant-governor, the voter shall make a cross  
4 (X) in the square at the right of the names of the group of  
5 candidates of political parties for said offices for whom he  
6 desires to vote, or if he desires to vote for other candidates for  
7 said offices, he shall mark his ballot as provided in section  
8 seventy-seven.

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country. It is noted that the weather has been very dry and hot, and that the crops are suffering. The government has taken steps to provide relief to the people, and it is hoped that these measures will be successful.

The second part of the report deals with the financial situation. It is noted that the government has a large deficit, and that the public debt is increasing. It is suggested that the government should take steps to reduce its expenditure, and to increase its revenue.

The third part of the report deals with the social situation. It is noted that there is a large amount of poverty and suffering in the country. It is suggested that the government should take steps to provide relief to the poor, and to improve the conditions of the working classes.

The fourth part of the report deals with the political situation. It is noted that there is a large amount of corruption and mismanagement in the government. It is suggested that the government should take steps to reform itself, and to improve its efficiency.

The fifth part of the report deals with the military situation. It is noted that the army is in a state of disrepair, and that the government should take steps to reform it.

The sixth part of the report deals with the judicial situation. It is noted that the courts are overburdened, and that the government should take steps to reform the judiciary.

The seventh part of the report deals with the educational situation. It is noted that there is a large amount of illiteracy in the country, and that the government should take steps to improve the education system.

The eighth part of the report deals with the health situation. It is noted that there is a large amount of disease and suffering in the country, and that the government should take steps to improve the health services.

The ninth part of the report deals with the economic situation. It is noted that there is a large amount of unemployment in the country, and that the government should take steps to create jobs.

The tenth part of the report deals with the foreign situation. It is noted that the country is in a state of isolation, and that the government should take steps to improve its relations with other countries.