

By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of Michael Paul Feeney relative to reducing the number of signatures required on nomination papers for Senator and for Representative in the General Court. Election Laws.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT REDUCING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON NOMINATION PAPERS FOR STATE SENATOR AND FOR REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL COURT.

*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 44 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following sentence:— Such papers for all other  
4 offices to be filled at a state election shall be signed by a number  
5 of voters as follows:— for representative in congress, two  
6 thousand voters; for councillor, district attorney, clerk of courts,  
7 register of probate and insolvency, register of deeds, county  
8 commissioner, sheriff and county treasurer, one thousand  
9 voters, except that in Barnstable, Berkshire, Franklin, and  
10 Hampshire counties such papers for nomination to the office of  
11 clerk of courts, register of probate and insolvency, register of  
12 deeds, county commissioner, sheriff and county treasurer shall  
13 be signed by five hundred voters; for state senator, five voters  
14 from each town, ward or part thereof; for representative in the  
15 general court and commissioners to apportion Suffolk county,  
16 five voters from each town, ward or part thereof; provided,  
17 however, that if ten per cent of the number of voters in the  
18 respective district who are enrolled in the party whose  
19 nomination the candidate seeks is a lesser number than the  
20 aggregate required above, then such ten per cent shall be the  
21 required aggregate.

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