

By Mr. Harrington of Newton, petition of Brian Yates relative to the election of state committee members by ward and town committee members. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF STATE COMMITTEE MEMBERS
BY WARD AND TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

*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 of chapter 52 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 145 of the acts of 1961, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the first two paragraphs and inserting
4 in place thereof the following paragraphs: —

5 The ward and town committee members shall elect the
6 members of the state committee which shall consist of one man
7 and one woman from each senatorial district, who shall be
8 residents thereof, and such number of members as may be
9 elected by the state committee as hereinafter provided. Members
10 of said committee so elected from senatorial deistricts shall hold
11 office for a period of four years from May fifteenth next
12 following their election. Members elected by the state committee
13 shall hold office for two years from the date of their election;
14 provided, however, that in no event shall the terms of office of
15 such members extend beyond the term of office of members who
16 were elected by the ward and town committee members.

17 The members of the state committee so elected shall within
18 ten days after May fifteenth next following their election, meet
19 and organize by the choice of a chairman, a secretary, a
20 treasurer and such other officers as they may decide to elect;
21 provided, that the members of the committee shall first meet and

22 organize temporarily by the choice of a temporary chairman and
23 a temporary secretary who shall serve until a permanent
24 chairman and a permanent secretary are chosen, and such
25 committee, while temporarily organized or at any time after its
26 permanent organization, may add to its membership.