

HOUSE No. 5591

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 10, 1975.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill authorizing the use of paper ballots at polling places having voting machines under certain circumstances (House, No. 2457, changed), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 5591).

For the committee,

JOHN E. MURPHY, Jr.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING A CERTAIN NUMBER OF PAPER BALLOTS AT ALL
POLLING PLACES USING VOTING MACHINES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
follows:*

- 1 The first paragraph of section 31 of chapter 54 of the General
- 2 Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby
- 3 amended by adding the following two sentences: — Where voting
- 4 machines are used said clerk shall send to the election officer at
- 5 each polling place a number of ballots equal to at least ten per
- 6 cent of the number of persons eligible to vote at such polling
- 7 place. Said ballots shall be used in the event of the mechanical
- 8 failure of the voting machine or voting machines or for the use of
- 9 voters voting in person whose right to vote is challenged.