

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 6069**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 19, 1975.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1475) of the Citizens for Participation in Political Action, George Keverian, Garreth J. Lynch and John A. Businger relative to defining the period during which nomination papers and initiative petitions shall be available and may be circulated, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6069) ought to pass.

For the committee,

FRANCIS C. LAPOINTE.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT DEFINING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH NOMINATION PAPERS AND INITIATIVE PETITIONS SHALL BE AVAILABLE AND MAY BE CIRCULATED.

*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. Section 47 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by inserting the following sentence at the end of  
3 the section: — Nomination papers for use in the nomination of  
4 candidates for all offices shall be available for use on or before the  
5 twelfth Tuesday preceding the date for filing as provided in  
6 section forty-eight, except in the case of primaries before special  
7 elections.

1 SECTION 2. Section 20 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by inserting the following  
3 sentence at the end of the section: — Petition forms for such  
4 applications submitted under section nineteen shall be made  
5 available for use on or before the twelfth Tuesday preceding the  
6 final date for filing as provided in section twenty-one.

1 SECTION 3. Section 22A of chapter 53 of the General Laws,  
2 as amended, is hereby further amended by inserting, after  
3 the first sentence, the following sentence: — Initiative or  
4 referendum petition forms shall be made available no later than  
5 the twenty-first day after the date such petitions are filed with the  
6 State Secretary by the first ten signers provided however that in  
7 the instance of petitions filed under the provisions of section 3 or  
8 4 of that part of Article XLVIII of the amendments of the  
9 constitution under the heading "THE REFERENDUM. III.  
10 Referendum Petitions.", the petition forms shall be made  
11 available no later than the twenty-first day after a summary has  
12 been prepared.