

HOUSE No. 6070

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 19, 1975.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was recommitted the Bill requiring a certain number of paper ballots at all polling places using voting machines (House, No. 5591); and to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4026) of John J. Finnegan that provision be made for a supply of paper ballots in precincts where voting machines are used, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6070) 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 PROVIDING FOR A SUPPLY OF PAPER BALLOTS IN PRECINCTS WHERE VOTING MACHINES ARE USED.

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 second paragraph of section 31 of chapter 54 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 310 of the acts
3 of 1943, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following: —
4 The city or town clerk shall also forward to the election officers
5 before the polls are opened an amount of official absentee ballots
6 to be used in the event all of the voting machines require repair or
7 adjustment during the course of an election and all such ballots
8 cast shall be marked "cast due to machine failure" in large type on
9 the back of each ballot, and provided that the tellers at such
10 voting place shall indicate on their official voting list those voters
11 using said marked ballots.