

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for legislation to prohibit the use of the designation of "Independent" on certain nomination papers and ballots. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF THE DESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT ON CERTAIN NOMINATION PAPERS AND BALLOTS.

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 8 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
3 place thereof the following sentence: — All certificates of
4 nomination and nomination papers shall, in addition to the
5 names of candidates, specify as to each, (1) his residence, with
6 street and number, if any, (2) the office for which he is nominated,
7 and (3), except as otherwise provided in this section and in city
8 charters, the party, if any, which he represents, expressed in not
9 more than three words; provided, however, that the designation
10 "Independent" shall not be used.

1 SECTION 2. The third paragraph of section 41 of chapter 54
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
4 To the name of each candidate for a state or city office, except
5 city offices in cities where political designations are forbidden,
6 shall be added in the same space his party or political designation
7 or designations; provided, however, that the designation
8 "Independent" shall not be used.

By Mr. HERRICK of Brooklyn, petition of John A. [unclear] for
 legislation to provide for the use of the [unclear] of [unclear] on
 certain [unclear] papers and [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

The Commission of [unclear]

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four

AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW OF THE ORGANIZATION OF [unclear]
 ON CERTAIN [unclear] PAPERS AND [unclear]

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
 General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as
 follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 21 of the General Laws is
 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting
 in place thereof the following sentence:— All certificates of
 nomination and nomination papers shall, in addition to the
 names of candidates, specify as to each, (1) his residence, wife,
 next and number of years, (2) the office for which he is nominated,
 and (3) except as otherwise provided in this section not in city
 or town, the party to which he represents, expressed in not
 more than three words provided, however, that the designation
 "Independent" shall not be used.

SECTION 2. The third paragraph of section 41 of chapter 24
 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first
 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—
 In the name of each candidate for a state or city office, except
 city office in cities where political designations are forbidden,
 shall be added in the same space his party or political designation
 or designation provided, however, that the designation
 "Independent" shall not be used.