

SENATE No. 204.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 18, 1897.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was committed the Bill relative to the use of voting machines (Senate, No. 171), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

EDW. S. BRADFORD.

Senator ROBERTS, dissents.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven.

AN ACT

Relative to the McTammany Voting Machine.

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. The secretary of the Common-
2 wealth shall, upon the agreement of the Amer-
3 ican Ballot Company to replace the McTammany
4 voting machines purchased by the Commonwealth
5 in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six,
6 with the same number of McTammany voting
7 machines of improved pattern and construction,
8 which shall provide for the tickets of at least
9 seven political parties in each machine, purchase
10 for the Commonwealth not exceeding fifty addi-
11 tional McTammany voting machines of such im-
12 proved pattern and construction for use in such
13 cities and towns as request the same in
14 accordance with the provisions of chapter four
15 hundred and ninety-eight of the acts of the year
16 eighteen hundred and ninety-six: *provided*, that

17 said request from said cities and towns shall be
18 filed with the secretary of the Commonwealth
19 prior to the first day of September, eighteen
20 hundred and ninety-seven.

1 SECT. 2. Whenever said McTammany voting
2 machines are purchased, the American Ballot
3 Company shall be required by the secretary of
4 the Commonwealth to give a bond with good
5 and sufficient sureties to keep such voting
6 machines and the voting machines replaced in
7 accordance with the provisions of the foregoing
8 section, in good working order for two years at
9 its own expense.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

