

HOUSE No. 333.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 27, 1899.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Root of Boston. Election Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Registration of Voters in the City of
Boston.

*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 one of chapter sixty-one
2 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
3 ninety-five, as amended by section one of chapter
4 four hundred and one of the acts of the year
5 eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, is hereby
6 amended by adding, in the twenty-second line
7 thereof, after the word "May," the following:
8 "If such person is accepted as a voter, his name
9 and residence and the names and residences of the
10 persons vouching for him as aforesaid shall be

11 published as soon as possible in a daily paper
12 published in the city or town concerned, and if no
13 daily paper is published in such city or town,
14 then in any weekly paper published there, or, if
15 there be no weekly paper published there, then in
16 that weekly paper the place of publication of
17 which is nearest to the said city or town," so as
18 to read as follows:—

19 *Section I.* Every male applicant for registra-
20 tion shall present a certificate from the assessors,
21 or a tax bill or notice from the collector of taxes,
22 showing that he has been assessed as a resident
23 of the city or town on the preceding first day of
24 May, and the same shall be accepted by the
25 registrars as prima facie evidence of such resi-
26 dence, or he shall present a certificate from the
27 assessors that he has been a resident for the six
28 months next preceding the election at which he
29 claims the right to vote, and the same shall be
30 accepted by the registrars as prima facie evidence
31 of such residence. If a male person was a resi-
32 dent of the city or town on the first day of May,
33 and was not assessed a poll tax by the assessors
34 of said city or town on the first day of May, such
35 person, in order to establish his right to be
36 assessed, shall appear before the board of as-
37 sessors, accompanied by two witnesses who shall
38 testify under oath that they are registered voters
39 of the ward or town in which he desires to be
40 assessed, and who shall also testify under oath to
41 the truth of the statement of the applicant in re-
42 gard to his right to be assessed at the place

43 claimed by him as a legal residence on the first
44 day of May. If such person is accepted as a
45 voter, his name and residence and the names and
46 residences of the persons vouching for him as
47 aforesaid shall be published as soon as possible in
48 a daily paper published in the city or town con-
49 cerned, and if no daily paper be published in such
50 city or town, then in any weekly paper published
51 there, or, if there be no weekly paper published
52 there, then in that weekly paper the place of
53 publication of which is nearest to the said city or
54 town: *provided, however*, that in the city of Bos-
55 ton no person shall be assessed as above-provided
56 later than the first day of October.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

