

HOUSE No. 364.

[Bill accompanying the petition of John T. Langford. Election Laws]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Nomination of City Officers.

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. In calling caucuses, except in the
2 city of Boston, to nominate candidates for city
3 officers, the political committee of the party which
4 has adopted this act shall, in issuing the call for
5 the caucuses, designate therein that the candidates
6 for city officers shall be nominated by direct
7 caucus vote, and the number of candidates en-
8 titled to a nomination who, in the aggregate of
9 all the votes cast in the several wards, shall
10 receive the highest number of votes so cast, shall
11 have their names placed on the official ballot as
12 the nominees of the party for city officers.

1 SECTION 2. All ballots and returns for such can-
2 didates shall be returned to the board of aldermen
3 and city clerk as ballots and returns of elections in
4 a city are returned, and they shall have the same
5 powers and perform the same duties in relation to
6 the counting, tabulating and determining the results
7 of the votes cast at the caucuses for the nomina-
8 tion of such candidates as they have in relation to
9 the votes cast at elections in the several wards of
10 a city, and shall place on the official ballots to be
11 used at the city election the names of all candi-
12 dates for city officers nominated as aforesaid.

1 SECTION 3. Any city committee shall, at the
2 written request of fifty voters, members of its
3 party, call caucuses of said party to determine by
4 ballot whether the provisions of this act shall be
5 adopted by said political party in the city in the
6 same manner as provided in section one hundred
7 of chapter five hundred and forty-eight of the acts
8 of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and such
9 adoption may be revoked as provided in section
10 one hundred of said chapter.

1 SECTION 4. All provisions of law relating to
2 caucuses and elections and to the votes cast
3 therein, applicable to, and not inconsistent with
4 the provisions of this act, shall apply to caucuses
5 for the nomination of city officers as aforesaid, and
6 to the votes cast at such caucuses.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

