

HOUSE No. 467.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Frank M. Forbush. Election Laws.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to Caucuses other than those of Political
Parties.

*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 hundred and thirty-
2 two of chapter five hundred and forty-eight of
3 the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-
4 eight is hereby amended by striking out the word
5 "twenty-five" in the fourteenth line thereof, and
6 by inserting in lieu thereof the word "ten," so as
7 to read as follows:—

8 *Section 132.* A caucus of the qualified voters,
9 or of a specified portion thereof in a ward of a
10 city, or in a town, may be called and held for the

11 nomination of candidates to be voted for at any
12 city election, or at any election of town officers
13 for which official ballots are used, or for the
14 selection of delegates to a convention, or for the
15 appointment of a committee. A like caucus in
16 any representative district may be held for the
17 nomination of a candidate for representative in
18 the general court; but otherwise no nomination
19 of a candidate to be voted for in an electoral dis-
20 trict or division containing more than one town
21 or more than one ward of a city shall be made by
22 a caucus. The proceedings of such caucuses
23 shall be invalid unless at least ten voters partici-
24 pate and vote therein. Except as provided in
25 this section, no caucus or meeting other than
26 those of political parties shall be entitled to nomi-
27 nate a candidate whose name shall be placed on
28 the official ballot, or to select delegates to a poli-
29 tical convention for the nomination of a candidate
30 whose name shall be placed on such ballot.

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

