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[Bill accompanying the petition of John G. Hagberg. Election Laws.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Registration of Naturalized Citizens.

*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 forty-nine of chapter five hundred  
2 and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred  
3 and ninety-eight is hereby amended by inserting in the  
4 seventh line, after the word "inspection," the following :  
5 "If his naturalization papers be lost or missing, the reg-  
6 istrars may, in their discretion, accept in place thereof  
7 the sworn statement of the registrars of his last voting  
8 place," so as to read as follows :—

9 *Section 49.* If an applicant for registration is a  
10 naturalized citizen, the registrars shall require him to  
11 produce for inspection his papers of naturalization, and  
12 to make oath that he is the identical person named

13 therein, and shall, if satisfied that the applicant has been  
 14 legally naturalized, make upon his papers a memoran-  
 15 dum of the date of such inspection. If his naturalization  
 16 papers be lost or missing, the registrars may, in their  
 17 discretion, accept in place thereof the sworn statement of  
 18 the registrars of his last voting place. When papers of  
 19 naturalization have once been examined and record  
 20 thereof made in the general register, the registrars need  
 21 not again require their production.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its pas-  
 2 sage.



