

By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, petition of Robert M. Koczera that primary candidates for Governor and Lieutenant-Governor be nominated in groups. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five.

AN ACT REQUIRING PRIMARY CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TO BE NOMINATED IN GROUPS.

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 34 of chapter 53 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by section 1 of chapter 190 of the Acts of 1979,
3 is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the
4 following paragraph: —

5 The surnames of candidates for governor and lieutenant gov-
6 ernor shall be placed upon the state primary ballot in groups.
7 Christian names, residential addresses, and the eight-word state-
8 ment provided by section forty-five, shall not be added. A voter
9 shall vote for such candidates in the manner provided by the last
10 sentence of section seventy-eight of chapter fifty-four. The group
11 in which appears the name of an incumbent governor shall be
12 placed first, and the remaining groups shall follow in alphabetical
13 order of the surnames of the candidates for governor.

1 SECTION 2. Section 45 of said chapter 53 is hereby amended
2 by striking out the fourth paragraph, as appearing in section 7 of
3 chapter 337 of the Acts of 1941, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph: —

5 A state primary nomination paper for governor or lieutenant
6 governor shall contain the names of candidates for both such
7 offices. Otherwise, no nomination paper for use in the nomination
8 of candidates to be voted for at state primaries shall contain the
9 name of more than one candidate.

1 SECTION 3. The third paragraph of section 48 of said
2 chapter 53, is hereby amended by striking out in the second
3 sentence, as appearing in section 12A of chapter 927 of the Acts
4 of 1977, the words, "governor, lieutenant governor" and inserting
5 in place thereof the words, "governor and lieutenant governor as a
6 group".