

HOUSE No. 6688

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, MAY 5, 1981.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2573) of William F. Galvin and others relative to calling for elections in cities, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 6688) ought to pass.

For the committee,

EMANUEL G. SERRA.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CALLS FOR ELECTIONS IN CITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 54, section 63 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking the first sentence thereof in its entirety and inserting in
3 place thereof the following: —

4 Elections of state officers and city officers shall be called by the
5 aldermen, and the city clerk shall, under their direction, cause
6 notice of such elections to be conspicuously posted in the office of
7 the city clerk or on the principal official bulletin board of such city
8 and any other public building they deem necessary. Before every
9 city election, the clerk shall make available a list of all candidates.
10 He shall also print with said list the form of any question to be
11 submitted to the voters. Such lists shall be public records and one
12 copy shall be sent to every newspaper in said city listed in the
13 Directory of New England Newspapers and Periodicals, to be used
14 at the discretion of said newspapers.