

Chap. 135 AN ACT REGULATING THE NUMBER OF SIGNATURES REQUIRED TO PLACE ON THE BALLOTS AT STATE PRIMARIES THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR STATE WIDE OFFICES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. 53, § 44,
amended.

Nomination
papers, number
of signatures.

Section forty-four of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in the fourth line, the word "less" and inserting in place thereof the word:— more,— and by striking out, in the fifth line, the words "each of four different counties" and inserting in place thereof the words:— any one county,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 44.* The nomination of candidates for nomination or election at state primaries shall be by nomination papers. In the case of offices to be filled by all the voters of the commonwealth such papers shall be signed in the aggregate by at least one thousand voters, not more than two hundred and fifty to be from any one county. Such papers for all other offices to be filled at a state election, and for members of committees and delegates to the state convention, shall be signed by a number of voters equal in the aggregate to five voters for each ward or town in the district or county, but in no case shall more than two hundred and fifty be required. *Approved March 19, 1929.*

Chap. 136 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMITMENT OF CERTAIN MENTALLY AFFLICTED PERSONS TO FEDERAL HOSPITALS FOR OBSERVATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. 123, § 77,
etc., amended.

Commitment
of persons for
observation as
to their sanity.

Section seventy-seven of chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the General Laws, as amended by chapter nineteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the sixth line, the word "or" and inserting in place thereof a comma, and by inserting after the word "hospital" in the seventh line the words:— , or, in case such person is eligible for admission, to an institution established and maintained by the United States government, the person having charge of which is licensed under section thirty-four A,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 77.* If a person is found by two physicians qualified as provided in section fifty-three to be in such mental condition that his commitment to an institution for the insane is necessary for his proper care or observation, he may be committed by any judge mentioned in section fifty, to a state hospital, to the McLean hospital, or, in case such person is eligible for admission, to an institution established and maintained by the United States government, the person having charge of which is licensed under section thirty-four A, for a period of thirty-five days pending the determination of his insanity; provided, that such commitments shall be made to Gardner state colony only when legally authorized by the department. Within thirty days after such commitment the superintendent of the in-

Proviso.

Disposition
after com-
mitment.