

HOUSE No. 2151

By Mr. Bassett of Lynn, petition of Timothy A. Bassett for legislation to prohibit the publication of political advertisements in newspapers or other periodicals without the written authorization of certain persons. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PROHIBITING THE PUBLICATION OF POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS IN NEWSPAPERS OR OTHER PERIODICALS WITHOUT THE WRITTEN AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN PERSONS.

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 56 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 39 the following section: —

3 *Section 39A.* No person shall publish or cause to be published
4 in a newspaper or other periodical any paid matter or
5 advertisement on any candidate for public office without the
6 written authorization of such candidate or the political committee
7 of such candidate.

8 Any person violating any provision of this section shall be
9 punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by
10 imprisonment for not more than one year.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
IN SENATE, January 15, 1915.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE
ON JANUARY 15, 1915.

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