

HOUSE No. 2921

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of the Citizens for Participation in Political Action and John A. Businger for legislation to simplify the form of nomination papers. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY THE FORM OF NOMINATION PAPERS.

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 7 of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as most recently
- 2 amended, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph
- 3 and inserting in place thereof the following: —
- 4 Every voter signing a nomination paper shall sign in person, as
- 5 registered or substantially as registered, and shall state his
- 6 residence where currently registered, with the street and number,
- 7 if any; except that the city or town name may be omitted if the
- 8 nomination paper states thereon the city or town to which it will
- 9 be submitted for certification; but any voter who is prevented by
- 10 physical disability from writing may authorize some person to
- 11 write his name and residence in his presence; and, except as
- 12 provided in section three of chapter fifty-four A, every voter may
- 13 sign as many nomination papers for each office as there are
- 14 persons to be elected thereto, and no more.

