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By Mr. Nardone of Watertown, petition of Charles G. Tobin for legislation to restrict recounts in certain elections. Election Laws.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RESTRICTING THE RIGHT TO A RECOUNT IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 135 of chapter 54 of the General  
2 Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 178 of the acts of  
3 1971, is hereby further amended by inserting after the first  
4 sentence the following sentence:— Only if the difference in the  
5 votes so cast appears to be one per cent or less of the total votes  
6 cast for such office or such question, the petitions for the recount  
7 for such office or such question shall be accepted.

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