

HOUSE No. 5885

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 3, 1977.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was recommitted the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2351) of Doris Bunte, Bill Owens, Royal L. Bolling, Jr., Melvin H. King, Barney Frank and others that provision be made for dropped voter lists to be placed at all polling places in certain cities, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5885) ought to pass.

For the committee,

TIMOTHY A. BASSETT.

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A DROPPED VOTER LIST TO BE PRESENT AT CERTAIN POLLING PLACES.

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 37 of Chapter 51 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 632 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentences: —

5 They shall, on or before the first Monday of June in each year,
6 send notice in writing to each voter of the preceding year whose
7 name has not been entered in the annual register of the current year
8 that the name of such voter has not been so entered, such notice to
9 be sent by first class mail enclosed in an envelope bearing the
10 proper address to which the same may be returned in case of non-
11 delivery, and the registrars shall prepare a list of the names of
12 voters not so entered, which shall be open to public inspection in
13 their principal office, and shall be posted by copy in accordance
14 with the same schedule of times and in the places where copies of
15 voting lists are required to be posted under section fifty-seven;
16 provided however, in cities with a population in excess of 170,000
17 inhabitants, such list shall be kept on the day of any regular or
18 special preliminary, primary, election or caucus in every precinct
19 of the city.