

HOUSE No. 357.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 16, 1882.

The Committee on Election Laws, to whom was recommended the Bill (Senate Document, No. 178) concerning the casting and counting of ballots containing less than four names, report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

H. T. ROCKWELL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-two.

AN ACT

To prevent the Counting of detached "Stickers," so called, as Ballots.

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

1 Whenever at any election in this Commonwealth
2 the inspectors of election or other officers appointed
3 by law to receive, count, and make return of votes
4 shall find among the ballots cast at such election
5 any separate strip or piece of paper having a surface
6 of less than six square inches, and bearing upon one
7 side the printed name or names of a candidate or
8 candidates for office, and bearing upon the other
9 side any adhesive substance or other indication that
10 such strip or piece of paper was designed to be
11 superimposed upon a ballot as a "sticker," so called,
12 such separate strip or piece of paper shall not be
13 counted as a ballot ; but all such strips or pieces of
14 paper shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope
15 and preserved in the manner by law provided for the
16 preservation of ballots.

