

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger relative to voter registration certificates. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONCERNING VOTER REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES.

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 1. Section 24 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 adding the following sentence: — Whenever the registrars are
4 required to sign a certificate or similar document, it shall be suffi-
5 cient if the document is signed by their clerk or other agent.

1 SECTION 2. The fifth paragraph of section 7 of chapter 53 of
2 the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding
3 the following sentence to the end of the fifth paragraph: — The
4 certificate shall be signed by the clerk or other agent of the regis-
5 trars of voters.

1 SECTION 3. Section 22A of said chapter 53, as amended by
2 § 11 of Chapter _____ of the Acts of 1990, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the fifth sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — Certificates showing that each of the ten
5 original signers is a registered voter at the stated address, signed
6 by the clerk or other agent of the registrars of voters, shall accom-
7 pany an original initiative or referendum petition, when it is filed
8 with the state secretary.

1 SECTION 4. The first paragraph of section 46 of said chapter
2 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —

4 The certificate shall be signed by the clerk or other agent of the
5 registrars of voters.

1 SECTION 5. The fourth paragraph of section 48 of said chap-
2 ter 53, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the sec-
3 ond sentence in lines 35 to 37, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — Said registrars shall issue such certificate,
5 signed by the clerk or other agent of the registrars, forthwith upon
6 request of any such candidate so enrolled or of his authorized rep-
7 resentative.