

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE PUBLICATION OF UNSIGNED POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENTS, CIRCULARS OR POSTERS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Chap. 55

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter five hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "office", in the fifth line, the words:— or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 1.* No person shall publish or cause to be published in a newspaper or other periodical, either in its advertising or reading columns, any paid matter which is designed or tends to aid, injure, or defeat any candidate for public office, or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, unless the name of the chairman or secretary or the names of two officers of the political or other organization inserting the same, or the name of some voter who is responsible therefor, with his residence and the street and number thereof, if any, appear therein in the nature of a signature. Such matter inserted in reading columns shall be preceded or followed by the word "Advertisement" in a separate line, in type not smaller than that of the body type of the newspaper or other periodical.

1907, 581, § 1, amended.

Prohibiting publication of unsigned political advertisements, etc.

SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter five hundred and eighty-one is hereby amended by inserting after the word "principle", in the fourth line, the words:— or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 2.* No person shall pay the owner, editor, publisher, or agent of a newspaper or other periodical to induce him editorially to advocate or oppose any candidate for public office or political principle, or a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters; and no such owner, editor, publisher, or agent shall accept such payment. This provision shall not apply to the outright purchase of such newspaper or periodical.

1907, 581, § 2, amended.

Publisher, etc., of newspaper, not to receive payment, etc.

SECTION 3. Section four hundred and thirty of chapter five hundred and sixty of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and seven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "action", in the sixth line, the words:— or

1907, 560, § 430, amended.

Penalty for writing, printing, etc., anonymous circulars, etc.

which is designed or tends to aid, injure, or defeat a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 430.* Whoever intentionally writes, prints, posts or distributes, or causes to be written, printed, posted or distributed, a circular or poster which is designed or tends to injure or defeat any candidate for nomination or election to any public office, by criticising his personal character or political action, or which is designed or tends to aid, injure, or defeat a constitutional amendment or any other question submitted to the voters, unless there appears upon such circular or poster in a conspicuous place either the names of the chairman and secretary, or of two officers of the political or other organization issuing the same, or of some voter who is responsible therefor, with his name and residence, and the street and number thereof, if any, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than six months.

Approved February 9, 1910.

Chap. 56 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SALARIES AND EXPENSES IN THE OFFICE OF THE PRISON COMMISSIONERS, AND FOR SUNDRY REFORMATORY EXPENSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the commonwealth from the ordinary revenue, for the prison commissioners, for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth day of November, nineteen hundred and ten, to wit: —

Chairman of prison commissioners.
Secretary.

For the salary of the chairman, four thousand dollars.

For the salary of the secretary, twenty-five hundred dollars.

Clerical assistance.

For clerical assistance, a sum not exceeding forty-eight hundred dollars.

Agents.

For the salaries of agents, fifty-two hundred dollars.

Travelling expenses.

For travelling expenses, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars.

Other expenses.

For incidental and contingent expenses, including the printing and binding of the annual report, a sum not exceeding twenty-seven hundred dollars.

Assistance to certain discharged prisoners.

For assistance to prisoners discharged from the state prison, Massachusetts reformatory, prison camp and hos-