

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1012

By Messrs. Lapointe of Chicopee and Bassett of Lynn, petition of Francis C. Lapointe and Timothy A. Bassett relative to making certain corrective changes in the election laws. Election Laws.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT MAKING CORRECTIVE CHANGES IN LAWS RELATIVE TO 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 SECTION 1. The third paragraph of section 37 of chapter 53 of  
2 the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 2 of  
3 chapter 310 of the acts of 1976, is amended by striking the second  
4 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

5 Said officers shall, at any time after the primary, upon receiving  
6 a written request therefor signed by any person, furnish a copy of  
7 said list to such person upon the payment of a reasonable fee or  
8 shall allow such person to examine and copy such list without  
9 charge under such supervision as the clerk may reasonably require.

1 SECTION 2. Section 40A of chapter 53 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by chapter 546 of the acts of 1977, is hereby  
3 amended by striking said section and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section:

5 *Section 40A.* Petitions for recounts of the ballots cast at a  
6 primary of a political party may be signed only by registered voters  
7 enrolled in such political party on or before the last day to register  
8 for the primary.

1 SECTION 3. Section 48 of chapter 53, as most recently  
2 amended by section 7 of chapter 546 of the acts of 1977, is hereby  
3 further amended by adding in the third sentence of the fourth

4 paragraph after the words, "of that city or town" the following  
5 phrase:

6 enrolled in that political party

1 SECTION 4. Said section 48 of chapter 53 is hereby further  
2 amended by striking the fourth sentence of the fourth paragraph  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

4 No such certificate shall be issued to any person who is a  
5 candidate for nomination for any such office, if such person has  
6 been an enrolled member of another political party during the year  
7 prior to the last day for filing nomination papers with the State  
8 Secretary, as provided by this section.

1 SECTION 5. Section 108 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as  
2 most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 310 of the acts of  
3 1976, is amended by striking the first sentence and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence: At any time after the election,  
5 upon written request of any person, the city or town Clerk shall,  
6 within reasonable time, open the envelope in which the voting lists  
7 have been enclosed, as provided in section 107, and make a copy of  
8 the lists as checked.