

HOUSE No. 5968

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 13, 1974.

The committee on Election Laws to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 250) of Francis C. Lapointe relative to absentee voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1584) of the Americans for Democratic Action, Barney Frank, Paul H. Guzzi, Melvin H. King, Peter F. Harrington, John A. Businger, Thomas G. Simons, Robert E. McCarthy, William D. Delahunt, Richard E. Kendall, Laurence R. Buxbaum, Edward J. Markey and Ronald A. Pina relative to further regulating absent voting for federal service personnel; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1779) of Paul H. Guzzi that provision be made for voter registration by mail as an alternative to personal registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2924) of the Citizens for Participation in Political Action and John A. Businger relative to the voter registration of persons temporarily absent from their place of residence; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2927) of the Massachusetts Democratic Party Platform Committee, Charles F. Flaherty, Jr., and John A. Businger for legislation to provide for absentee voter registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3309) of the Citizens for Participation in Political Action and John A. Businger relative to voter registration by mail as an alternative to personal registration; the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3903) of John A. Businger for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the registration of voters by mail; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4268) of the Massachusetts City Clerks Association, Peter F. Harrington, Paul H. Guzzi and Lois G. Pines for legislation to further regulate absentee voting; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4862) of John A. Businger relative to the voter registration of persons temporarily absent from their place of residence; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5042) of the Citizens for Participation in Political

Action and John A. Businger for legislation to further define the term “federal service personnel” to conform with the Federal Voting Assistance Act, report recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5968) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

GEORGE KEVERIAN

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

1 *Ordered*, That the Committee on Election Laws be authorized
2 to sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of
3 making an investigation and study of the subject matter of
4 current house documents numbered 250, providing for absentee
5 voter registration; 1584, further regulating absent voting for
6 federal service personnel; 1779, providing for voter registration
7 by mail as an alternative to personal registration; 2924, relative
8 to the voter registration of persons temporarily absent from their
9 place of residence; 2927, providing for absentee voter registra-
10 tion; 3309, relative to voter registration by mail as an alternative
11 to personal registration; 3903, relative to registration of voters by
12 mail; 4268, further regulating absentee voting; 4862, relative to
13 the voter registration of persons temporarily absent from their
14 place of residence; and 5042, further defining the term “federal
15 service personnel” to conform with the federal voting assistance
16 act of 1955, as amended.

17 Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the state
18 house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may travel within the
19 commonwealth, and may expend for clerical and other services
20 and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said
21 committee shall report to the general court the results of its
22 investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
23 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
24 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
25 the house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday of
26 December, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

CHAPTER I

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The first part of the year was spent in the most ordinary manner, the weather being generally mild and the crops in the best state of forwardness. In the month of June the weather became more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of July the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of August the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of September the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of October the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of November the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of December the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains.

The second part of the year was spent in the most ordinary manner, the weather being generally mild and the crops in the best state of forwardness. In the month of January the weather became more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of February the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of March the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of April the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of May the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of June the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of July the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of August the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of September the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of October the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen. In the month of November the weather was again more variable, and the crops began to suffer from the effects of the late rains. In the month of December the weather was again more favourable, and the crops began to ripen.