

SENATE No. 516

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 9, 1939.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 303) of William A. Graustein that keepers of hotels, lodging houses and boarding houses be required to submit annual reports to registrars of voters relative to the names of guests as lodgers, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 516).

For the committee,

ARTHUR F. BLANCHARD.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE FILING OF REPORTS BY INNOLDERS
AND KEEPERS OF LODGING HOUSES.

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. Chapter fifty-one of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section nine, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following
4 new section: —

5 *Section 9A.* Any person who claims a residence
6 in any city or town and to reside in an inn or lodging
7 house located therein and licensed under the provi-
8 sions of chapter one hundred and forty shall, in order
9 to have his name retained on the list of registered
10 voters in such city or town or to be listed for the pur-
11 pose of becoming a registered voter therein, file with
12 the registrars a sworn statement substantially in the
13 following form:

14 I.....hereby claim.....
(Name of Inn or Lodging House)
15 located at.....,
(Street and Number, if any) (City or Town)
16 Massachusetts, as my domicile and that I am a legal
17 resident of....., that I have resided in
(City or Town)
18 the commonwealth at least one year and in.....
(City or Town)

19 at.....months
 (Street and Number, if any)
 20 prior to January 1, 19...., or prior to.....and
 21 that I was a resident at said address on.....
 22 19.....

23 Signed under the penalties of perjury.

24 Date.....19.....

25 Signature.....
 (Christian Name — Middle Initial — Surname)

26 (Failure to file this certificate by February 1 may
 27 result in striking your name from the list of registered
 28 voters.)

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-seven of said chapter
 2 fifty-one, as most recently amended by section four-
 3 teen of chapter four hundred and forty of the acts of
 4 nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby further
 5 amended by inserting after the word "registrar." in
 6 the eighteenth line the words:— or a person who
 7 neglects to file the return required under section nine
 8 A, — so that the fourth sentence will read as follows:
 9 — They shall make all inquiries and investigations
 10 necessary to identify such person, and they shall not
 11 enter in the annual register the name of a person
 12 objected to by any registrar or a person who neglects
 13 to file the return required under section nine A until
 14 such person has been duly notified and given an oppor-
 15 tunity to be heard.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and forty of the
 2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
 3 section forty, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edi-
 4 tion, the following new section:—

5 *Section 40A.* Every innholder or keeper of a lodg-
 6 ing house shall from time to time, but not oftener than
 7 once in sixty days, upon the request of the registrars
 8 of voters of the city or town wherein the inn or lodging
 9 house is located, report on blanks furnished by the
 10 registrars of voters, substantially in the following
 11 form, the names of persons claiming the right to vote
 12 as residents in such inn or lodging house on January
 13 first of the current year.

14 *Certificate of Innholder or Keeper of a Lodging House.*

15 Date.....19.....

16 I.....of
 (Innholder — Keeper)

17located
 (Name of Inn or Lodging House)

18 at.....,
 (Street and Number, if any) (City or Town)

19 Massachusetts, hereby certify that.....

20, who claims a residence at
 (Christian Name — Middle Initial — Surname)

21 the above address was a resident therein on.....

22 19...., and also on.....19..., and.....19...

23 Signed under the penalties of perjury.

24
 (Signature)

25
 (Street and Number of Inn or Lodging House, if any)

26Mass.
 (City or Town)

27 Violations of this section shall be punished by a fine
 28 of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dol-
 29 lars.