

By Mr. McMenimen of Cambridge, petition of George C. McMenimen for legislation to provide for the identification of candidates when two or more persons of the same name are nominated for the same office. Election Laws. Jan. 18.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six.

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An Act providing further for the Identification of Candidates seeking Re-election at State and City Elections and Renomination at Preliminary Elections in Certain Cities.

*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 forty-one of chapter fifty-four of  
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
3 the word "designations" in the thirteenth and four-  
4 tenth lines the following:—, except that when two or  
5 more candidates of the same name are nominated for  
6 the same state or city office, one of whom is a candidate  
7 for re-election, there shall be added in the space pro-  
8 vided for such candidate for re-election the words "Can-  
9 didate for Re-election",— so that the third paragraph  
10 will read as follows:— To the name of each candidate  
11 for a state or city office, except city offices in cities  
12 where political designations are forbidden, shall be  
13 added in the same space his party or political designa-  
14 tion or designations, except that when two or more can-  
15 didates of the same name are nominated for the same

16 state or city office, one of whom is a candidate for  
17 re-election, there shall be added in the space provided for  
18 such candidate for re-election the words "Candidate for  
19 Re-election". To the name of each candidate for a  
20 town office upon an official ballot shall be added the  
21 designation of the party or principle which he repre-  
22 sents, contained in the certificate of nomination or  
23 nomination papers.

1 SECTION 2. In any city where the nomination of  
2 candidates for election to city office is made by pre-  
3 liminary election, the nomination paper of any candidate  
4 who is an elected incumbent of the office for which he  
5 seeks renomination shall state in addition to his name  
6 and other facts now required by law the words "Candi-  
7 date for Renomination", and the ballot to be used at  
8 said preliminary election shall have printed against his  
9 name the words "Candidate for Renomination" if there  
10 is another candidate for nomination to the same office  
11 bearing the same name, notwithstanding the provisions  
12 of its charter.



