

HOUSE No. 2783

By Mr. Pierce of Westfield, petition of Steven D. Pierce and other members of the House relative to regulating statements printed on election ballots. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BALLOT STATEMENT.

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 41 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following new sentence at the end of the first paragraph: —

4 The candidate for state or city office may state, in not more
5 than eight words, any of the following public offices which he
6 holds or has held; those offices which are voted for at state
7 primaries, mayor, city councillor, alderman, town councillor,
8 selectman, school committee member, moderator and town clerk.

9 The statement shall clearly indicate that he is a former incumbent
10 thereof if such is the case and, if he is an elected incumbent of
11 an office for which he seeks renomination, that he is a candidate
12 for such renomination. If he is a veteran, as defined in section 1
13 of chapter 31, the word “veteran” may be included in the eight
14 word statement. This statement shall be added after the
15 candidate’s name and address as indicated below.

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