

HOUSE . . . . . No. 479.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Herbert M. Small. Election Laws.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.

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AN ACT

Relative to Nominations of Candidates by Convention.

*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 one hundred and thirty-six of chapter five hun-  
2 dred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen  
3 hundred and ninety-eight is hereby amended by adding  
4 thereto these words, "such nominations may be made  
5 in mass convention or by delegates duly chosen under  
6 the provisions of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-  
7 eight, chapter five hundred and forty-eight, and any acts  
8 in amendment thereto," so as to read as follows:—

9 *Section 136.* A convention of delegates or a caucus  
10 held in accordance with this act, may, for the Common-  
11 wealth, or for a district, county, city, town or ward,  
12 make one nomination for each office to be filled at an

13 election therein, and shall be entitled to have the names  
14 of its candidates placed upon the official ballot upon  
15 filing a certificate of nomination as hereinafter provided.

16 A party may make a nomination for an office to be  
17 filled by election in the Commonwealth, or in any dis-  
18 trict, county, city, town or ward, when at the five pre-  
19 ceding annual elections it polled in the Commonwealth,  
20 or in such district, county, city, town or ward respec-  
21 tively a number of votes for governor equal to the votes  
22 required [to nominate by nomination papers a candidate  
23 for the office to be filled.

24 Such nominations may be made in mass convention or  
25 by delegates duly chosen under the provisions of the acts  
26 of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, chapter five hun-  
27 dred and forty-eight, and any acts in amendment thereof.



