

By Mr. Sylvia of New Bedford, petition of Joseph A. Sylvia, Jr., and another relative to the order of questions relating to horse and dog racing and the granting of liquor licenses on official ballots in cities and towns in biennial state elections. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ORDER IN WHICH CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO HORSE AND DOG RACING AND THE GRANTING OF LIQUOR LICENSES SHALL APPEAR ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT TO BE USED IN THE CITIES AND TOWNS IN BIENNIAL STATE ELECTIONS.

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. The first paragraph of section 11 of
2 chapter 138 of the General Laws, as appearing in
3 section 3 of chapter 138 of the acts of 1947, is hereby
4 amended by inserting after the word "election" in
5 line 3 the words: —, as the first question thereon, —
6 so as to read as follows:— The state secretary shall
7 cause to be placed on the official ballot used in the
8 cities and towns at each biennial state election, as the
9 first question thereon, the following subdivided ques-
10 tion:

11 A. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town)
12 for the sale therein of all alcoholic bever-
13 ages (whisky, rum, gin, malt beverages,
14 wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

YES.	
NO.	

15 B. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town)
 16 for the sale therein of wines and malt bev-
 17 erages (wines and beer, ale and all other
 18 malt beverages)?

YES.	
NO.	

19 C. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town)
 20 for the sale therein of all alcoholic bever-
 21 ages in packages, so called, not to be drunk
 22 on the premises?

YES.	
NO.	

1 SECTION 2. The second paragraph of section 14 of
 2 chapter 128A of the General Laws, as appearing in
 3 section 2 of said chapter 138, is hereby amended by
 4 inserting after the word "thereafter" in line 4 the
 5 words: — , as the second question thereon, — so as to
 6 read as follows: — The state secretary shall cause to
 7 be placed on the official ballot to be used in the cities
 8 and towns at the biennial state election in the year
 9 nineteen hundred and fifty, and in every fourth year
 10 thereafter, as the second question thereon, the follow-
 11 ing subdivided question:

12 A. Shall the pari-mutuel system of bet-
 13 ting on licensed horse races be permitted in
 14 this county?

YES.	
NO.	

15 B. Shall the pari-mutuel system of bet-
 16 ting on licensed dog races be permitted in
 17 this county?

YES.	
NO.	