

HOUSE No. 1731

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 13, 1947.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 88) of Arthur J. Shinnars and another that the announcement of the vote at certain elections be further regulated, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 89) of Arthur J. Shinnars and another for legislation to further regulate the announcement of the vote at certain elections, and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 90) of Arthur J. Shinnars and another that provision be made for the further regulation of the announcement of the vote at certain elections, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1731).

For the committee,

JACOB HAKALA.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VOTE AT CERTAIN 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 105 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out
3 the second paragraph, as appearing in the Ter-
4 centenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
5 following paragraph: —

6 The clerk in open meeting shall publicly announce
7 the result of the vote and enter on the total vote
8 sheet, which shall be considered the precinct record,
9 the total number of names of voters checked on the
10 voting lists, the total number of ballots cast, the
11 names of all persons voted for, the number of votes
12 for each person and the title of the office for which
13 he was a candidate, the number of blank ballots for
14 each office, and the number of affirmative and negative
15 votes in answer to any question submitted to the
16 voters, and shall forthwith certify such record, seal
17 up the same, and deliver it, outside of the ballot
18 container or envelope but in a sealed envelope, to
19 the city or town clerk, who shall forthwith enter it
20 in his records; provided, that if voting machines are
21 used, the general or precinct record sheet, as the case
22 may be, shall be the record referred to in this
23 paragraph.