

By Mr. Dunkle of Boston, petition of Horace E. Dunkle that persons nominated by political parties at state primaries be enrolled members of the parties nominating them. Election Laws. Dec. 18, 1926.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act limiting Nominations of Candidates to be Voted for at State Primaries to Enrolled Members of the Nominating Party.

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 of chapter fifty-three of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word " more " in the fifth line the
4 words: — ; provided, that no such party shall
5 nominate as a candidate to be voted for at a
6 state primary a person who is not enrolled as
7 a member thereof, — so as to read as follows: —
8 *Section 1.* At any primary, caucus or conven-
9 tion held under this chapter, each party hav-
10 ing the right to participate in or hold the same
11 may nominate as many candidates for each
12 office for which it has the right to make nom-
13 inations therein as there are persons to be
14 elected to that office, and no more; provided,
15 that no such party shall nominate as a candi-

16 date to be voted for at a state primary a per-
17 son who is not enrolled as a member thereof.
18 A party which has not polled at the preceding
19 state or municipal election the vote required
20 to make it a political or municipal party as
21 defined in section one of chapter fifty, but
22 which at the three preceding biennial elections
23 has polled in the commonwealth, or in any dis-
24 trict, county, city, town or ward, respectively,
25 a number of votes for governor equal to the
26 number of voters required to nominate by nom-
27 ination papers a candidate for an office which
28 is to be filled by election therein, may hold a
29 caucus or convention and make a nomination
30 for the office so to be filled. A party which
31 makes one or more nominations shall be entitled
32 to have the name of each of its candidates
33 printed on the ballot to be used at the ensuing
34 election; but, unless the nomination is made
35 by direct plurality vote in a primary or in
36 several caucuses held in more than one ward
37 or in more than one precinct or group of pre-
38 cincts, a certificate of nomination must be
39 filed as provided in section five.

