

SENATE No. 178

To accompany the petition of John F. Cavanagh for the abolition of party nominations for State and county officers and the use of all party or political designations in the election of such officers. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

Abolishing Party Nominations and Designations in the Choice of all State and County Officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 All nominations for state and county officers
2 shall be made by petition, without the use of
3 party designations, and the name of no candidate
4 for any state or county office shall, on the ballot
5 used in any state election, have appended thereto
6 any party or political designation, and all pri-
7 maries for the choice of candidates for state and
8 county office are hereby abolished, but there shall
9 be in lieu thereof a general primary at which the
10 two candidates for each such office receiving the
11 highest number of votes shall have their names
12 printed on the official ballot to be used at the
13 state election and shall be voted on accordingly

