

By Mr. Dukakis of Brookline, petition of Paul G. Counihan relative to the election of state political committees by the delegates to the state convention who are elected by the ward and town committees of districts. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF STATE POLITICAL COMMITTEES BY THE DELEGATES TO THE STATE CONVENTION ELECTED BY THE WARD AND TOWN COMMITTEES OF THE DISTRICT.

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. Chapter 52 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 1, as most recently amended
3 by chapter 145 of the acts of 1961, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 1.* Each political party shall, in the manner herein
6 provided, elect from among its enrolled members a state com-
7 mittee, which shall consist of one man and one woman from
8 each senatorial district, who shall be residents thereof, to be
9 elected at the state convention by plurality vote of the dele-
10 gates chosen by the ward and town committees in the district,
11 and such number of members as may be elected by the state
12 committee as hereinafter provided. Members of said committee
13 elected by delegates to the state convention shall hold offices
14 until the conclusion of the next state convention. Members
15 elected by the state committee shall hold office for two years
16 from the date of their election; provided, however, that in
17 no event shall the terms of office of such members extend be-
18 yond the terms of office of members who were elected by the
19 delegates to the state convention.

20 The members of the state committee elected at the state
21 convention shall within ten days after the conclusion of the

22 state convention, meet and organize by the choice of a chair-
23 man, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as they
24 may decide to elect; provided, that the members of the com-
25 mittee shall first meet and organize temporarily by the choice
26 of a temporary chairman and a temporary secretary who shall
27 serve until a permanent chairman and a permanent secretary
28 are chosen, and such committee, while temporarily organized
29 or at any time after its permanent organization, may add to
30 its membership.

31 The secretary of the state committee shall file with the state
32 secretary, and send to each city and town committee, within
33 ten days after such permanent organization, a list of the mem-
34 bers of the state committee and of its officers, and, within ten
35 days after each addition to its membership made subsequently
36 to its permanent organization, a list of the members so added.

37 A vacancy in the office of chairman, secretary or treasurer
38 of the state committee or in the membership thereof shall be
39 filed by said committee, and a statement of any such change
40 shall be filed as in the case of the officers first chosen.

1 SECTION 2. Section seventeen A of chapter fifty-three of
2 the General Laws, as amended by chapter seventy-six of the
3 acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-four, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. Section 34 of said chapter 53, as most recently
2 amended by chapter 76 of the acts of 1964, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the third paragraph.

1 SECTION 4. Said section 34 of said chapter 53 is hereby
2 further amended by striking out the fifth paragraph and in-
3 serting in place the following paragraph:—

4 Against the name of the candidate for an election office, for
5 delegate or alternate delegate to a national convention, for
6 a ward or town committee, shall be printed the street and
7 number, if any, of his residence.

1 SECTION 5. Section 70B of said chapter 53, as most re-
2 cently amended by section 2 of chapter 407 of the acts of 1966,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line nine the
4 word "state".

1 SECTION 6. Said chapter 53 is hereby amended by striking
2 out section 70D, as most recently amended by section 3 of
3 chapter 407 of the acts of 1966, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section:—

5 *Section 70D.* Nominations of candidates for delegates at
6 large and alternate delegates at large shall be by lists sub-
7 mitted by the state committees of political parties, as pro-
8 vided in section seventy J, or by nomination papers which
9 shall be prepared and, on request, furnished by the state
10 secretary. Nomination of candidates for district delegates
11 and alternate district delegates and for ward and town com-
12 mittees shall be by such nomination papers. In the case of
13 candidates for delegates at large or alternate delegates at
14 large such papers shall be signed in the aggregate by at least
15 twenty-five hundred voters, not more than five hundred to be
16 from any one county. Such papers for all other offices to be
17 filled at the presidential primaries shall be signed by a number
18 of voters as follows:—for district delegates and alternate dis-
19 trict delegates, five hundred voters; for members of ward and
20 town committees, five voters. Section forty-five shall apply
21 to such papers for candidates to be voted for at presidential
22 primaries except that they shall not contain the eight word
23 statement referred to in said section; provided, that a candi-
24 date, delegate or alternate delegate to a national convention
25 may state in not more than eight words, including in the case
26 of the said candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to a
27 national convention, the statement of preference for presi-
28 dent referred to in section seventy E, the public offices which
29 he holds or has held, showing clearly that he is a former incum-
30 bent thereof, if such is the case; and if he is a veteran, as de-
31 fined in section twenty-one of chapter thirty-one of the Gen-
32 eral Laws, the word “veteran” may be used. Nomination pa-
33 pers may contain the name of more than one candidate for
34 delegate or alternate delegate or for members of ward and
35 town committees.

1 SECTION 7. Section 70E of said chapter 53 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the second paragraph, as most re-
3 cently amended by section 1 of chapter 819 of the acts of
4 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 The names of candidates for delegates to national conventions
6 or for ward or town committee appearing in nomination papers
7 containing nominations for all the places to be filled, shall be
8 placed first upon said ballot, arranged in groups and in the same
9 order as in the nomination papers or in said lists. The order in
10 which the groups shall appear shall be determined by lot in the
11 manner provided in section thirty-four and each group of candi-
12 dates for alternate delegates shall immediately follow the partic-
13 ular group of delegates with which it is affiliated. The names of
14 candidates appearing in nomination papers containing nom-
15 inations for less than all the places to be filled shall follow,
16 alphabetically arranged. The ballot shall also contain a state-
17 ment of the preference, if any, of each candidate for delegate
18 as to a candidate for nomination for president, provided that
19 such statement appears in his nomination papers; but no such
20 statement of preference by any candidate for delegate shall
21 appear upon the ballot unless such candidate for nomination
22 for president files his written assent thereto with the state
23 secretary on or before five o'clock in the afternoon of the last
24 day for filing nomination papers. Such assent may be com-
25 municated by telegraph. The name of any person shall not be
26 printed on the official ballot or filed with the state secretary as
27 a candidate for the office of delegate to a national convention
28 and as a candidate for the office of alternate delegate thereto,
29 nor more than once as a candidate for either of said offices.
30 Said secretary shall also place upon said ballot the names of
31 candidates for ward and town committee.

1 SECTION 8. Said chapter 53 is hereby further amended by
2 striking sub-section 70F, as most recently amended by section
3 2 of chapter 819 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 70F.* Upon the receipt of the records of the votes
6 cast at presidential primaries and within four days after said
7 primary the city or town clerk shall forthwith canvass the
8 same and make return of the votes for nomination for presi-
9 dent, delegates at large and alternate delegates at large, dis-
10 trict delegates and alternate district delegates to the state
11 secretary, who shall forthwith canvass such returns, deter-
12 mine the results thereof, notify the successful candidates, and

13 certify to the state committees the names of the persons seek-
14 ing nomination for president and the results of the vote there-
15 for. Said clerks shall determine the results of the votes for
16 members of ward and town committees, issue proper certifi-
17 cates thereof to the successful candidates and notify the chair-
18 men of the city and town committees of the respective parties
19 and the chairmen of the state committees of the respective
20 parties.

1 SECTION 9. Section 70G of said chapter 53, as most re-
2 cently amended by section 6 of chapter 407 of the acts of 1966,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out the second para-
4 graph and the second sentence of the fourth paragraph.

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