

SENATE No. 438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William N. Brownsberger, (BY REQUEST)

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to allow political parties to self govern.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Walter Ziobro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

93 Jensen Rd, Watertown, MA 02472

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By Mr. Brownsberger (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 438) of Walter Ziobro for legislation to allow political parties to self govern. Election Laws.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to allow political parties to self govern.

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

1 Title VIII. Chapter 52, Section 1 is hereby amended by adding after the following words:

2 "Each state committee shall consist of one man and one woman from each senatorial
3 district, who shall be residents thereof, to be elected at the presidential primaries by plurality
4 vote of the members of the party in the district, and such number of members as may be
5 appointed by the state committee as hereinafter provided"

6 ..unless any such political party shall have submitted to the Secretary a statement
7 declaring the number of members of such state committee, and specifying any rules for
8 appointing the members of their state committee if by a different method, provided that any such
9 method allows all the registered voters such party to participate either directly, or by some
10 specified method of delegation or representation, on the election of such state committee.

11 And by adding after the words:

12 "The members of the state committee elected at the presidential primaries"

13 ...,or if by a different method according to the rules of such party,...

14 and before the words:

15 "shall, within ten days after the thirtieth day next following their election, meet and
16 organize for the purpose of choosing a secretary, treasurer, and such other officers, other than a
17 chairman, as they may decide to elect..."

18 Title VIII. Chapter 52, Section 2 is hereby amended by adding after the following words:

19 "Each political party shall, in every ward and town, elect at the presidential primaries a
20 ward or town committee from among the members of the party..."

21 ..unless any such political party shall have submitted to the Secretary a statement
22 declaring the number of members of any such ward and town committees, and specifying any
23 rules for appointing the members of any such ward and town committees, if by a different
24 method, provided that any such method allows all the registered voters such party to participate
25 either directly, or by some specified method of delegation or representation, on the election of
26 such state committee