

SENATE NO. 437

AN ACT PERMITTING THE COUNTING OF VOTES FOR REPLACEMENT PARTY NOMINEES

*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 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after section 15 the following new section:-

3 Section 15A. When a nomination is made to fill a vacancy caused by the death, withdrawal or
4 ineligibility of a candidate, after such time as the state ballot has been printed and the state secretary
5 determines the printing of a replacement state ballot impracticable, the votes cast for the deceased,
6 withdrawn or ineligible party nominee appearing on the printed state ballot shall be counted and
7 attributed to that party's replacement candidate nominated pursuant to the provisions of chapter fifty-
8 three, section fourteen for filling a vacancy for nominees.