

FOR AN HONEST BALLOT.

A PETITION WHICH IS TO BE FORWARDED TO ALBANY.

The New-York Ballot Reform League is getting up a great petition to aid it in its coming fight at Albany for an honest voting system. It wants every man who is interested in the movement to add his signature to the list, and to ask his friends to do likewise, until a total of at least 100,000 names is secured. In a work of the kind that the league is engaged in, which is entirely dependent upon volunteer labor, and which offers no personal or financial reward, it is extremely difficult to enlist the active assistance of a sufficiently large number of men to carry it to success. But the gentlemen who have given much time to the ballot-reform movement, often at great personal inconvenience, hope that every man who is with them will do his part toward the making of the big petition.

THE TIMES prints herewith the form of petition:

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1890.

To the Honorable Senate and Assembly of the State of New-York:

I do hereby petition the honorable Legislature of the State of New-York to pass a ballot reform bill which shall embody the following principles:

1. All ballots shall be official and shall be printed and distributed at the public expense.

2. The names of all candidates for the same office shall be printed on the same ballot.

3. All ballots shall be delivered to the voter within the polling place on election day by sworn public officials.

4. Only official ballots so delivered shall be voted. The voter shall be guaranteed absolute privacy in preparing his ballot, and the secrecy of the ballot shall be made compulsory.

5. Voters shall have the right to nominate candidates by properly certified petitions.

And your petitioner will ever pray.

Respectfully yours,

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Residence.....

The above form when signed should be out and sent to Oliver Sumner Teall, the Chairman of the Committee on Enrollment, at 15 Cortlandt-street. Mr. Teall will furnish a pad of similar forms to any one interested in the movement who will pass it among his friends for signatures.

The officers of the New-York Ballot Reform League are not members of any one same political body, but represent every shade of political belief. Wheeler H. Peckham is President and the Vice Presidents are Chauncey M. Depew, Henry George, Carl Schurz, William M. Ivins, W. J. Coombs, Samuel Gompers, James Redpath, Julien T. Davies, Charles W. Dayton, and Thomas C. Dunham.

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The societies in the league include the Reform Club, the West End Republican Club, the Commonwealth Club, the Republican Volunteer Association, the City Reform Club, the Manhattan Single Tax Club, the Ballot Reform League, the Lincoln Club, the Amity Association, the Excelsior Labor Club, the Federal Club, and the Irish-American Republican Club.