

SENATE No. 8

To accompany the petition of Herman Hormel that the law relative to legislative counsel and agents be extended. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

Relative to Legislative Counsel and Agents.

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. Section twenty-three of chapter
2 three of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by
3 striking out the whole of said section and insert-
4 ing in place thereof the following:— *Section 23.*
5 A person, corporation or association employing
6 or agreeing to employ a person to act as counsel
7 or agent to promote or oppose, directly or in-
8 directly, legislation or any subject matter what-
9 soever, before the executive and legislative de-
10 partments and committees thereof or any board,
11 commission or commissioner, or other body
12 created by the legislature, shall, within one

13 week after such employment or agreement cause
14 the name of such counsel or agent to be entered
15 upon a docket as hereinafter provided; and such
16 counsel or agent shall also enter his name upon
17 such docket. Upon the termination of such em-
18 ployment such fact may be entered opposite to
19 the name of such counsel or agent either by him
20 or by his employer, and any person, corporation
21 or association paying or offering compensation to,
22 and any person receiving compensation for in-
23 fluencing any person connected with the executive,
24 legislative or other departments and committees
25 thereof or board, commission, commissioner or
26 other body created by the legislature without
27 complying with the foregoing requirements shall
28 be deemed guilty of violating the provision of
29 this act.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of sections twenty-
2 four to and including section thirty-two of said
3 chapter three of the Revised Laws and amend-
4 ments thereof and in addition thereto with
5 respect to legislative counsel and agents and
6 legislative committees and other parties in in-
7 terest, are hereby extended to the executive and
8 legislative departments and committees thereof
9 and boards, commissions, commissioners and
10 other bodies created by the legislature.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

