

SENATE No. 19.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, January 27, 1865.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was committed the Bill to provide for the appointment of a drafting clerk for the legislature, report the same in a new draft.

Per order,

ROBERT C. PITMAN, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT

To provide for the appointment of a Drafting Clerk for the Legislature.

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

1 SECT. 1. The president of the senate and the
2 speaker of the house of representatives are hereby
3 authorized to appoint annually some suitable person
4 of apt attainments, with the title of drafting clerk.

1 SECT. 2. It shall be the duty of such clerk to see
2 that all bills and resolves are written in a fair, legible
3 hand, without interlineations, in all respects in con-
4 formity with the rules of the two houses, and that
5 they are clearly and correctly drawn; to perform all
6 such duties as appertain to his office that may be
7 required of him by the committees of the respective

8 houses having the examination of bills and resolves,
9 and in such other ways as may be practicable and
10 provided for by the rules of the legislature, or as he
11 may be directed by the presiding officers of either
12 branch thereof, to aid in securing the dispatch and
13 accuracy of legislation.

1 SECT. 3. The oath of office shall be administered
2 to him by the president of the senate.

1 SECT. 4. The compensation of said clerk shall be
2 five dollars a day for each day of the session.

