

SENATE No. 544

To accompany the petition of Joseph F. O'Connell, chairman, Commission on Uniform State Laws, for legislation relative to the proof of statutes of other jurisdictions and to make uniform the law with reference thereto. The Judiciary.³

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROOF OF STATUTES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND TO MAKE UNIFORM THE LAW WITH REFERENCE THERETO.

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. Printed books or pamphlets purport-
2 ing on their face to be the session or other statutes of
3 any of the United States or the territories thereof, or
4 of any foreign jurisdiction, and to have been printed
5 and published by the authority of any such state,
6 territory or foreign jurisdiction or proved to be com-
7 monly recognized in its courts, shall be received in
8 the courts of this state as prima facie evidence of
9 such statutes.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall be so interpreted and
2 construed as to effectuate its general purposes to make
3 uniform the law of those states which shall enact it.

1 SECTION 3. This act may be cited as the Uniform
2 Proof of Statutes Act.

1 SECTION 4. All acts or parts of acts which are in-
2 consistent with the provisions of this act are hereby
3 repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect September
2 first in the current year.