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By Mr. Shattuck of Boston, petition of Henry L. Shattuck for legislation to provide that labor unions shall file certain statements and reports with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT LABOR UNIONS SHALL FILE CERTAIN STATEMENTS AND REPORTS WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 618 of the acts of 1946 is  
2 hereby amended by striking out sections 1 to 5, inclu-  
3 sive, and inserting in place thereof the following: —  
4 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting  
5 after chapter one hundred and eighty-two the follow-  
6 ing new chapter: —

7 CHAPTER 182A.

8 REPORTS AND STATEMENTS OF LABOR UNIONS.

9 *Section 1.* No person or association of persons shall  
10 operate or maintain a labor union unless and until  
11 there has been filed with the state secretary a state-  
12 ment in writing in such form as he may prescribe,

13 signed by the president and secretary of such labor  
14 union, setting forth its fiscal year, the location of its  
15 office or headquarters, the names and addresses of all  
16 of its officers, its aims and objects, and the scale of  
17 dues, initiation fees, fines and assessments to be  
18 charged to its members.

19 *Section 2.* Every labor union shall annually,  
20 within thirty days after the end of its fiscal year, make  
21 a report to the state secretary which shall be in such  
22 form as he may prescribe and shall be signed and  
23 sworn to by its president, treasurer and secretary,  
24 setting forth any change of its fiscal year or of the loca-  
25 tion of its office or headquarters or in its scale of dues,  
26 initiation fees, fines and assessments, the names and  
27 addresses of its officers, its receipts and expenditures  
28 sufficiently itemized to show the amounts severally  
29 received from dues, initiation fees, fines and assess-  
30 ments, and the aggregate amount paid for salaries,  
31 the amounts of all contributions, together with the  
32 names and addresses of the recipients of such contribu-  
33 tions, and a balance sheet of its assets and liabilities  
34 as of the date of the end of its last fiscal year. If the  
35 receipts of any such union exceed one hundred  
36 thousand dollars in any one fiscal year its report for  
37 such year shall be certified to by a certified public  
38 accountant.

39 *Section 3.* The state secretary shall have the power  
40 to require by summons the attendance and testimony  
41 of witnesses and the production of books, papers and  
42 documents and to administer oaths.

43 *Section 4.* The state secretary shall keep a record  
44 of all statements and reports submitted to him under  
45 the provisions of this chapter, all of which shall be  
46 open to public inspection. He shall report to the

47 attorney general instances of neglect or omission on  
48 the part of any person or association of persons to  
49 comply with the provisions of this chapter.

50 *Section 5.* Whoever violates any provision of this  
51 chapter, or whoever knowingly makes or files a state-  
52 ment or report thereunder, which statement or report  
53 is false in any material representation, shall be  
54 punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more  
55 than five hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 2. All reports which shall have been  
2 filed with the department of labor and industries  
3 pursuant to said chapter six hundred and eighteen  
4 shall be transferred to the state secretary.

