

# SENATE . . . . No. 392

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To accompany the petition of Leslie B. Cutler and John J. O'Rourke for legislation to establish a women's division in the Department of Commerce for the promotion of business opportunities for women of the Commonwealth. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WOMEN'S DIVISION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR THE PROMOTION OF BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN 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. Section 4 of chapter 23A of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 409 of the  
3 acts of 1953, is hereby amended by inserting after the  
4 word "development", in line 3, the words: — a wo-  
5 men's division.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 23A is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting after section 7, under the cap-  
3 tion WOMEN'S DIVISION, the following section: —

4 *Section 7A.* The women's division shall: —

5 (a) Conduct a women's program, including business  
6 clinics, to promote business opportunities and economic  
7 projects for women in the commonwealth;

8 (b) Provide an advisory and counseling service for  
9 women for the purpose of increasing opportunities for  
10 women in business in the commonwealth.

Committee on the Judiciary  
Report on the bill to amend the act to provide for the election of judges of the courts of this State, approved July 1, 1901.

THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF SUFFRAGE RESTRICTIONS

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1901.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to amend the act to provide for the election of judges of the courts of this State, approved July 1, 1901, have the honor to report that the same is constitutional.

The committee further reports that the bill is constitutional in all respects, and that the same should be passed.

1. Section 1 of the bill provides that the electors of the courts of this State shall be the qualified electors of the State, as defined in section 2 of the constitution of this State, and that the same shall be the electors of the courts of this State.

2. Section 2 of the bill provides that the electors of the courts of this State shall be the qualified electors of the State, as defined in section 2 of the constitution of this State, and that the same shall be the electors of the courts of this State.

3. Section 3 of the bill provides that the electors of the courts of this State shall be the qualified electors of the State, as defined in section 2 of the constitution of this State, and that the same shall be the electors of the courts of this State.

4. Section 4 of the bill provides that the electors of the courts of this State shall be the qualified electors of the State, as defined in section 2 of the constitution of this State, and that the same shall be the electors of the courts of this State.