

SENATE No. 652

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 3, 1956.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the message from His Excellency the Governor transmitting the report of the Judicial Survey Commission appointed by him to investigate the administration of justice in the courts of the Commonwealth (House, No. 2620) as relates to the powers of the administrative committee of the probate courts (pages 30-31), report the accompanying Bill (Senate, No. 652).

For the committee,

RALPH V. CLAMPIT.

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE PROBATE COURTS.

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

1 Chapter 215 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 30A, as amended by chapter 330
3 of the acts of 1934, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:—

5 *Section 30A.* There shall be an administrative com-
6 mittee of the probate courts, hereinafter called the com-
7 mittee, which shall consist of three judges thereof, as-
8 signed to service thereon by the chief justice of the su-
9 preme judicial court for such period of time as he may
10 deem advisable. The committee shall be authorized to
11 visit any probate court, as a committee or by subcom-
12 mittee. To promote co-ordination in the administration
13 of the probate courts the committee may from time to
14 time call conferences of any or all the judges thereof, or
15 of other officials connected therewith, and such a con-
16 ference shall be called at least once a year. The travel-
17 ing expenses of such judges or officials for attending such
18 conferences, and also the necessary expenses of the mem-
19 bers of the committee incurred in the performance of
20 their duties as aforesaid, shall, subject to the approval of
21 the governor and council be paid from the state treasury.
22 The committee shall from time to time establish forms
23 for annual reports of the work of the several probate
24 courts and registries of probate; and the several registries
25 of probate shall annually, on or before October first, pre-
26 pare and file with the committee uniform reports of the
27 work of said courts and registries during the preceding
28 court year.