

By Mr. Chmura of Holyoke, petition of Stephen T. Chmura that a penalty be imposed upon persons making false reports relative to the location of explosives or other dangerous substances. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT IMPOSING A PENALTY UPON PERSONS MAKING FALSE REPORTS RELATIVE TO THE LOCATION OF EXPLOSIVES OR OTHER DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to establish at once a penalty for
3 transmitting or causing to be transmitted by telephone or other
4 means certain false reports, therefore it is hereby declared to be
5 an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of
6 the public safety and convenience.

*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 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 14, inserted by chapter 210 of the acts of
3 the current year, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 14.* Whoever, knowing the same to be false, trans-
6 mits or causes to be transmitted to any person by telephone or
7 other means a communication falsely reporting the location of
8 any explosive or other dangerous substance or contrivance
9 thereby causing anxiety, unrest, fear or personal discomfort to
10 any person or group of persons, shall be punished by imprison-
11 ment in the state prison for not more than ten years or in a jail
12 or house of correction for not more than two and one half years
13 or by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or both.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

ARTICLE I. OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

SECTION 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

SECTION 4. The Times, Places and Manner of holding the Elections of Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law alter or add to the Rules regulating the Elections of Representatives.

SECTION 5. The Congress shall assemble at least once in every Year, and such Meeting shall be held in the City of New York, until otherwise provided by Law. The Congress may determine the Rules of its Organization and Procedure, and may provide for the Collection and Disbursement of the Money appropriated to it, under such Direction and Control as Congress shall from time to time establish.

SECTION 6. The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained from Time to Time by a Law of the Congress. They shall, in all other Things, hold their Offices as if they were Officers of the United States.