

HOUSE No. 59

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33, November 5, 1958.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In compliance with General Laws, chapter 30, sections 33 and 33A, as amended, I have the honor to submit herewith such portions of my annual report (Pub. Doc. No. 46) as embody recommendations for legislation, accompanied by drafts of proposed measures to cover such recommendations as require the enactment of legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CRONIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. AN ACT TO EXPEDITE THE ISSUING OF CERTIFICATES OF INCORPORATION IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

The present system of incorporation in this office is cumbersome, time consuming and expensive. In the interest of providing a faster and less expensive method of incorporation we submit herewith a bill to amend section 12 of chapter 156 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

2. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATIONS AND RETURNS OF SAID DISSOLUTIONS TO THE STATE SECRETARY.

Under the present status of the law concerning the dissolution of corporations there is a considerable time gap between the entering of a decree dissolving a corporation and the recording of the fact of dissolution in the office of the Secretary of State. This means that at times persons seeking information as to the existence of a particular corporation are unable to secure accurate information from the Secretary of State's office.

The accompanying bill, which has been agreed to by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, is submitted to correct this serious defect by amending sections 50A and 55 of chapter 155 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

3. AN ACT TO INCREASE THE FEE FOR A CERTIFIED COPY OF A RECORD OF A BIRTH, MARRIAGE OR DEATH FURNISHED BY THIS OFFICE.

The bill herewith submitted amends section 36 of chapter 262 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), as amended, by increasing the fee from 50 cents to \$1. A fee of \$1 is now charged by all city and town clerks issuing such certificates. In most cases the dollar fee is uniform and therefore most mail requests contain \$1. Considerable work is involved in refunding the 50 cents. The flat fee of \$1 is more in keeping with the cost of the service performed.