

SENATE No. 455

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 7, 1931.

The committee on Legal Affairs, to whom was referred so much of the final report of the special commission established (under Chapter 12 of the Resolves of 1929 and continued under Chapter 2 of the Resolves of 1930) to investigate the laws relative to dependent, delinquent and neglected children and children otherwise requiring special care (House, No. 1200) as relates to the jurisdiction of the Superior or probate court to make interlocutory decrees relative to the children of parents divorced in another jurisdiction (Appendix L), report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 455).

For the committee,

JOHN D. MACKAY.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act relative to the Jurisdiction of the Superior or Probate Court to make Interlocutory Decrees relative to the Children of Parents divorced in Another Jurisdiction.

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 two hundred and eight is hereby further
2 amended by striking out section twenty-nine and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:—
4 *Section 29.* If, after a divorce has been decreed in
5 another jurisdiction, minor children of the marriage
6 are inhabitants of or residents in this commonwealth,
7 the superior or probate court, upon petition of either
8 parent or of a next friend in behalf of the children,
9 after notice to both parents, may make like decrees
10 relative to their care, custody, education and main-
11 tenance, and may make and enforce such inter-
12 locutory decrees in connection therewith as the
13 circumstances of the parents or the benefit of the
14 children may require, as if the divorce had been
15 decreed in this commonwealth.



