

SENATE No. 74

To accompany the petition of Charles H. Chase and others that the recorders and assistant recorders of the Land Court be reimbursed for the premiums on their official bonds. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

AN ACT

To provide for the Reimbursement of the Recorder and Assistant Recorders of the Land Court for the Premiums on their Official Bonds.

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 eleven of chapter one hundred and
2 eighty-five of the General Laws is hereby amend-
3 ed by inserting after the word "same" in ilne four
4 the words: — and for all premiums paid to surety
5 companies becoming sureties thereon they shall
6 be reimbursed by the commonwealth, upon cer-
7 tification by the judge, — so as to read as follows:
8 — *Section 11.* The recorder and all assistant re-
9 corders shall be sworn before the judge of the
10 land court, and a record thereof shall be made.

11 They shall give bond in a sum to be fixed by the
12 court, for the faithful performance of their offi-
13 cial duties, before entering upon the same, and
14 for all premiums paid to surety companies be-
15 coming sureties thereon they shall be reimbursed
16 by the commonwealth, upon certification by the
17 judge. They may administer oaths to persons
18 appearing before them in matters pertaining to
19 the registration of land, if an oath is required.
20 They shall keep accurate accounts of all money
21 received as fees or otherwise, which shall be sub-
22 ject to examination by the controller of county
23 accounts, in the same manner as accounts of reg-
24 isters of deeds. The recorder shall pay over quar-
25 terly to the state treasurer all such money received
26 by him either directly or through the assistant
27 recorders. In case of the absence of an assistant
28 recorder, the assistant register for the district, or
29 if there is no assistant register, the person acting
30 as clerk in the office of the register of deeds, shall
31 perform the duties of the assistant recorder, who
32 shall be responsible for him.