

To accompany the petition of Harry B. Putnam that provision be made for the printing of forms and rules of the probate courts by the administrative committee thereof at the expense of the Commonwealth, and requiring uniform annual reports of the work of such courts and the registries thereof. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for the Printing of Forms and Rules of the Probate Courts by the Administrative Committee thereof at the Expense of the Commonwealth, and requiring Uniform Annual Reports of the Work of Such Courts and the Registries thereof.

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 fifteen of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section thirty
3 A, as appearing in the Tercentenary edition thereof,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following:—
5 *Section 30A.* There shall be an administrative
6 committee of the probate courts, hereinafter called
7 the committee, which shall consist of three judges
8 thereof, assigned to service thereon by the chief jus-
9 tice of the supreme judicial court for such period of
10 time as he may deem advisable. The committee shall

11 be authorized to visit any probate court, as a com-
12 mittee or by sub-committee, to recommend uniform
13 practice and procedure, to supervise the printing at
14 the expense of the commonwealth and the delivery to
15 the proper county commissioners of all books neces-
16 sary for keeping the records of such courts, of all
17 printed rules of such courts, of all printed blanks and
18 stationery used in probate proceedings, and shall have
19 general advisory powers in relation to such courts.
20 To promote co-ordination in the work of such courts,
21 the committee may from time to time call conferences
22 of any or all of the judges thereof or of other officials
23 connected therewith, and the traveling expenses of
24 such judges or officials for attending such conferences,
25 and also the necessary expenses of the members of the
26 committee incurred in the performance of their duties
27 as aforesaid, shall, subject to the approval of the
28 governor and council, be paid from the state treasury.
29 The committee shall from time to time establish
30 forms for, and the several registers shall annually
31 before under the supervision of the com-
32 mittee prepare, uniform reports of the work of the
33 probate courts and of the registries thereof during
34 the preceding fiscal year.