

SENATE . . . . . No. 987

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By Mr. Bullock, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 987) of John W. Bullock for legislation to establish a legislative reference center in the legislative document room. Rule (Joint).

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE CENTER IN THE  
LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT ROOM.

*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 eighteen A of chapter three of the General Laws is
- 2 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph: —
- 3 The director of the legislative document room shall make
- 4 provisions for a legislative reference center within said room.
- 5 The purpose of said center shall be to make available to mem-
- 6 bers of the General Court, staff of the General Court, and all
- 7 other interested parties information concerning each piece of
- 8 legislation pending before the General Court in the current
- 9 session. Such information shall consist of a file on each piece
- 10 of legislation containing a copy of the legislation, a sheet ex-
- 11 plaining the current status of the legislation, and all materials
- 12 previously submitted by any interested party relating to the
- 13 text of the piece of legislation. Said files shall not be disposed
- 14 of prior to adjournment of the General Court for the current
- 15 legislative sitting.

to the effect, a further amendment by the Senate, 1871, in  
 view of the fact that the original act was not a general law,  
 but a special law, and that it was not in the interest of the

### The Constitutionality of the Act

As the case involves the question of the constitutionality of the act,

it is necessary to determine whether the act is in violation of the

provisions of the Constitution.

The act is in violation of the Constitution inasmuch as it

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