

HOUSE No. 540

Bill accompanying the petition of Willis W. Stover and another relative to the appointment of staff officers of the militia. Military Affairs. January 13.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

Relative to appointment of Staff Officers of the Militia,

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 1. Section forty-two of chapter six hundred
2 and four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
3 eight, as amended by chapter two hundred and ninety-nine
4 of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and ten, by chap-
5 ter two hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of the year
6 nineteen hundred and twelve, and by chapter seven hun-
7 dred and fifteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
8 and fourteen, is hereby further amended by inserting,
9 after the word "officer" in the twelfth line, the words:—
10 unless he has been graduated from a school established
11 and maintained in connection with the volunteer militia
12 of this commonwealth, under the orders of the com-

13 mander-in-chief, for the purpose of imparting military in-
14 struction and training to enlisted men of the militia who
15 are aspirants for commissions therein, or — so that the
16 last paragraph thereof shall read as follows :— No person
17 shall be eligible to be appointed as a staff officer, or as a
18 staff corps officer, or, with the exception of medical officers,
19 as a department officer, unless he has been graduated from
20 a school established and maintained in connection with
21 the volunteer militia of this commonwealth, under the
22 orders of the commander-in-chief, for the purpose of
23 imparting military instruction and training to enlisted
24 men of the militia who are aspirants for commissions
25 therein, or unless he has served in the regular or volun-
26 teer naval or military forces of the United States, or in
27 the militia or naval militia of some state thereof, for the
28 term of three years, at least one year of which he shall
29 have served as an officer or non-commissioned officer.
30 The foregoing requirements shall not apply to chaplains.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

