

HOUSE No. 1520

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 8, 1921.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 206) of Renton Whidden for legislation to provide for suits by and against certain voluntary associations, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

WALTER SHUEBRUK.

[Mr. McDONNELL, of the Senate, and Messrs. McCORMACK of Boston and SHAW of Revere, of the House, dissenting.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Providing for Suits by and against Certain Voluntary Associations.

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 one of chapter one hundred and
2 eighty-two of the General Laws is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first paragraph and substituting the
4 following: — *Section 1.* The following words, as used in
5 sections two to eleven, inclusive, shall have the following
6 meanings:

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter one hundred and eighty-two
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the fol-
3 lowing new section: — *Section 12.* Any voluntary as-
4 sociation composed of five or more persons and not sub-
5 ject to sections one to eleven, inclusive, may sue or be
6 sued in its common name.

1 SECTION 3. Section forty of chapter two hundred and
2 twenty-three of the General Laws is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word “in”, at the beginning of the
4 second line, the words: — section one of, — so as to read
5 as follows: — *Section 40.* In an action against a volun-
6 tary association described in section one of chapter one

7 hundred and eighty-two, engaged in business in the com-
8 monwealth, service may be made upon any trustee
9 thereof.

1 SECTION 4. Said chapter two hundred and twenty-
2 three is hereby amended by inserting after section forty
3 the following new section:— *Section 40 A.* In an action
4 against a voluntary association described in section
5 twelve of chapter one hundred and eighty-two service
6 may be made upon its president, secretary, treasurer,
7 manager or other officer in charge of its business in this
8 commonwealth.

