

SENATE No. 10

To accompany the petition of William I. Hennessey for the continuance of the free distribution of certain annual reports. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT

To insure the Continuance of the Policy of Free Distribution of Annual Reports of State Departments, Boards and Commissions made to the General Court.

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 eight of chapter five of the General Laws,
2 as amended by section seven of chapter three hun-
3 dred and sixty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred
4 and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by
5 adding after the word "final" in the fourteenth
6 line the words:— ; provided, however, that the
7 annual reports of the various state departments,
8 boards and commissions to the general court shall
9 not be declared case books or technical reports,—

10 so as to read as follows: — *Section 8.* Case books
11 and technical reports published at the public ex-
12 pense shall be distributed exclusively by the state
13 secretary. Such publications shall be distributed
14 free of charge, but only upon written request, to
15 such persons and in such numbers as are mentioned
16 in the preceding section, or for the purpose of ex-
17 change with other states. They may be delivered
18 to other persons only upon receipt of a sum equal
19 at least to the estimated cost thereof, as determined
20 by the comptroller. The division of personnel and
21 standardization shall determine whether such pub-
22 lication is a case book or a technical report, and
23 from its decision an appeal shall lie to the com-
24 mittee of the executive council appointed to con-
25 sider matters of finance, whose decision shall be
26 final; provided, however, that the annual reports of
27 the various state departments, boards and commis-
28 sions to the general court shall not be declared case
29 books or technical reports.

