

HOUSE No. 1977

By Mr. Jones of Barnstable, petition of Allan F. Jones for legislation relative to the service of process upon elected officers of unincorporated associations and providing that said associations may be subject to suit. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS MAY SUE AND BE SUED AND PROVIDING THAT SERVICE OF PROCESS UPON AN ELECTED OFFICER OF SUCH AN ASSOCIATION SHALL BE SUFFICIENT SERVICE.

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 182 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
2 serting after section 6 the following section:—
3 *Section 6A.* A voluntary unincorporated association, having
4 elected officers, who have, subject to the orders and directions
5 of an executive committee, or other governing body, and the
6 general membership of the association, the management and
7 control of its affairs, may sue and be sued at law, and service of
8 process upon one of its duly elected officers shall be deemed
9 sufficient service. Recovery of damages in such a suit shall be
10 limited to the funds of the association.

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