

HOUSE No. 742.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 16, 1894.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of William H. Whitmore for a codification of the laws relating to the recording of births, deaths and marriages, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

DAVID F. SLADE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

AN ACT

Concerning Records of Births, Deaths and Marriages.

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. Chapter three hundred and five of the
2 acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-two is
3 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence in the
4 second section thereof, so that said section as amended
5 shall read as follows: "Whenever it is deemed ex-
6 pedient to make a new copy of any earlier records, each
7 page shall be verified and signed by the clerk or registrar,
8 and such record while preserved in proper custody shall
9 have the same force and effect as the original record."

1 SECT. 2. No town or city clerk or registrar shall
2 alter or add to any record of a birth, death or marriage
3 already entered in any book or formal list in his charge,
4 except upon such evidence as was required by law for
5 the original entry, and such correction shall be at his
6 discretion. In no case shall the first entry be erased,
7 but all corrections shall be added.

1 SECT. 3. In recording deaths, the record shall be
2 entitled "alleged age," and all copies from the existing
3 records shall be so marked.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

