

SENATE No. 201.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 13, 1896.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to the reorganization and enlargement of law department; and so much of the annual report of the attorney general (Pub. Doc. No. 12) as relates to the same subject, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

DANA MALONE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Duties and Authority of the Attorney-General and to the Employment of Attorneys by State Boards, Commissioners and Officers.

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. The attorney-general shall appear
2 for the Commonwealth, and for all heads of de-
3 partments, state boards and commissions, and for
4 all officers of the Commonwealth, in all suits and
5 other proceedings, excepting upon criminal recog-
6 nizances and bail bonds, where the interests of
7 the Commonwealth are involved, or the official
8 acts and doings of said boards, commissions or
9 officers, are called in question, in all the courts of
10 the Commonwealth; and before any other tribunal
11 when requested by the governor and council. All
12 such suits shall be conducted by him or under his
13 direction.

1 SECT. 2. All writs, summonses or other pro-
2 esses served upon any boards, commissions or
3 officers mentioned in the preceding section, shall
4 forthwith be transmitted by them to the attorney-
5 general. All suits or other proceedings brought
6 by such officers shall be commenced by the attor-
7 ney-general or under his direction.

1 SECT. 3. No department, state board, com-
2 mission or other officer, acting under the authority
3 of the Commonwealth, shall employ any attorney-
4 at-law for any legal service whatever in any
5 matter relating to the performance of their official
6 duties, excepting by the authority of the attorney-
7 general.

1 SECT. 4. The attorney-general shall from time
2 to time appoint such assistants, and employ such
3 assistance, in the discharge of the duties of his
4 office, and for such compensation as he may de-
5 termine, subject to the approval of the governor
6 and council.

1 SECT. 5. All statutes relating to the appoint-
2 ment of first and second assistant attorney's gen-
3 eral and defining their compensation, and all
4 statutes inconsistent herewith, are hereby re-
5 pealed.

