

# SENATE . . . . . No. 73.

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[Senate, No. 29, as passed to be engrossed by the Senate.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

Relative to advertising Hearings before Legislative  
Committees.

*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. No hearing before any committee  
2 of the general court, or of either branch thereof,  
3 shall be advertised at the expense of the Com-  
4 monwealth, in more than two newspapers pub-  
5 lished in any county, nor more than twice in  
6 any newspaper; and no hearing on a matter  
7 of special legislation affecting the interest of  
8 only a portion of the Commonwealth shall be  
9 advertised in any newspapers except those pub-

10 lished in the county of Suffolk and in the localities  
11 directly interested therein.

1 SECTION 2. In all the newspapers which may be  
2 designated to advertise such hearings the adver-  
3 tisements shall be uniformly printed in type not  
4 larger than nonpariel, set solid, and without dis-  
5 play either in the headings or in the body of the  
6 advertisements.

1 SECTION 3. Advertisements of hearings shall  
2 be published only in such newspapers as may be  
3 designated by the chairman on the part of the  
4 senate or of the house and the clerk of the com-  
5 mittee, and in each case the order for the adver-  
6 tisement shall be signed by the chairman and clerk  
7 of the respective committees, who shall designate  
8 therein the newspapers in which such advertise-  
9 ment is to be published, and shall file the same  
10 with the auditor of the Commonwealth, who  
11 shall thereupon forward a copy to the newspapers  
12 so designated for publication, and shall give such  
13 directions as he may deem necessary to secure  
14 uniformity in the style and manner of publication,  
15 as provided in section two. The auditor shall  
16 certify all bills for publishing such advertisements  
17 and shall, during the first week in April, in each  
18 session, report in detail to the general court the  
19 expenses incurred under this act by the several  
20 committees.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter three hundred and  
2 seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hun-

3 dred and eighty-five, and chapter five hundred  
4 and three of the acts of the year eighteen hun-  
5 dred and ninety-seven, are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

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SENATE, Feb. 7, 1898.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

HENRY D. COOLIDGE, *Clerk.*

