

SENATE . . . . . No. 311.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, April 24, 1899.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of Edwin O. Childs and others for legislation authorizing the use of typewriting machines in recording public records and documents (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 15), and the eleventh annual report of the Commissioner of Public Records on the custody and condition of the public records of parishes, towns and counties (Pub. Doc. No. 52) (reporting in part on the latter), report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

CHARLES G. WASHBURN.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To establish Standard Record Inks for Public Records.

*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 person having the care or  
2 custody of any public records in any department  
3 or office of the Commonwealth, or of any county,  
4 city or town therein, shall use or allow to be  
5 used upon any public record written by him or  
6 under his direction, any ink excepting such as is  
7 furnished by the commissioner of public records:  
8 *provided, however,* that printing by typewriting  
9 machines may be allowed upon such records, sub-  
10 ject to the provisions of section four.

1 SECTION 2. Said commissioner shall from time  
2 to time advertise for proposals to furnish the sev-  
3 eral departments and offices of the Common-

4 wealth, and of the counties, cities or towns in  
5 which public records are kept, with ink of a  
6 standard, and upon conditions to be established  
7 by the said commissioner, at such periods and in  
8 such quantities as may be required, and may con-  
9 tract for the same.

1 SECTION 3. The inks so furnished, before  
2 being accepted by said commissioner, shall be  
3 examined by a chemist to be designated by said  
4 commissioner, and if at any time any of said inks  
5 shall be found to be inferior to the established  
6 standard, said commissioner shall have authority  
7 to cancel any contract made for furnishing said  
8 inks.

1 SECTION 4. No person having the care or  
2 custody of any public records mentioned in sec-  
3 tion one of this act shall use or allow to be used  
4 upon such records any ribbon, pad or other de-  
5 vice used for printing by typewriting machines,  
6 or any ink contained in such ribbon, pad or de-  
7 vice, except such as is approved by the commis-  
8 sioner of public records.

1 SECTION 5. If at any time said commissioner  
2 shall find that the ribbons, pads or devices, or the  
3 inks contained therein, are not of the standard  
4 approved by him, he shall forthwith withdraw his  
5 approval of the same.

1 SECTION 6. Any person violating the provis-  
2 ions of section one or four of this act shall be  
3 punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

1 SECTION 7. Chapter three hundred and sev-  
2 enty-eight of the acts of eighteen hundred and  
3 ninety-four and chapter five hundred and ten of  
4 the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-eight are  
5 hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon the  
2 first day of September in the year eighteen hun-  
3 dred and ninety-nine.