

HOUSE . . . . . No. 907.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of C. J. McPherson for legislation to authorize persons qualified to administer oaths to prepare certain naturalization papers. Judiciary. Feb. 4.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

Relative to Naturalization Papers.

*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. Section one of chapter three hun-  
2 dred and forty-five of the acts of the year  
3 eighteen hundred and eighty-five, as amended by  
4 chapter two hundred and three of the acts of the  
5 year eighteen hundred and eighty-six, as amended  
6 by section one of chapter four hundred and  
7 nineteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred  
8 and ninety-one, is hereby amended by inserting  
9 after the word "clerk," in the third line, the  
10 words:— or any officer qualified to administer  
11 oaths, — so as to read as follows:—

12 *Section 1.* The supreme judicial court, the  
13 superior court, district, police and municipal  
14 courts having common law jurisdiction, a seal  
15 and a clerk, or any officer qualified to admin-  
16 ister oaths, may respectively have jurisdiction  
17 of primary declarations of intention of aliens  
18 to become citizens of the United States, and final  
19 applications for naturalization of aliens: *provided,*  
20 *however,* that no declaration or application shall  
21 be received by the supreme judicial or superior  
22 court unless the applicant resides in the county  
23 within which the court is held, nor by any district,  
24 police or municipal court unless the applicant  
25 resides in the district for which the court is estab-  
26 lished; but if the applicant does not reside in the  
27 district of any district, police or municipal court  
28 having a seal and a clerk, he may make applica-  
29 tion to that one of such courts which is held  
30 nearest to the town in which he resides.

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