

HOUSE No. 1056.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 14, 1901.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 248) of James R. Dunbar and another for legislation relative to the compensation of commissioners appointed by the supreme judicial court or the superior court, report the accompanying bill.

For the Committees,

WM. F. DANA.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1901.

The committee on Counties on the part of the House, to whom was referred the bill relative to the compensation of commissioners appointed by the supreme judicial court and the superior court, report that the same ought to pass.

For the Committee,

J. WALTER BRADLEE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

Relative to the Compensation of Commissioners appointed by the Supreme Judicial Court and the Superior Court.

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 four hun-
2 dred and fifty-eight of the acts of the year eigh-
3 teen hundred and ninety-nine is hereby amended
4 by striking out in lines three and seven, respec-
5 tively, the word "person" and inserting in place
6 thereof in each case the word "commissioners,"
7 and by striking out the comma after the word
8 "compensation," in the sixth line, and the words,
9 "not exceeding fifteen dollars a day," in the sixth
10 and seventh lines, so as to read as follows:—

11 *Section 1.* Whenever upon a petition for the
12 assessment of damages, or in any other proceeding
13 authorized by law, one or more commissioners are
14 appointed by the supreme judicial court, or by the

15 superior court to hear parties, assess damages and
16 make an award to be returned into court, the
17 court shall award reasonable compensation to each
18 of such commissioners, to be paid by the county
19 in which they are appointed, and not to be taxed
20 in the bill of costs to either party to the action.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall apply to pending
2 cases as well as to those hereafter begun, and
3 shall take effect upon its passage.

