

SENATE No. 141.

[To accompany the petition of John M. Maloney and others for legislation to provide for a public record of the names of members of copartnerships and incorporated companies. Joint Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To provide for the Recording of the Names and Residences of Members of Copartnerships, and Unincorporated Companies and Associations.

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 assessors of taxes shall an-
2 nually, on or before the first Monday in August,
3 return to the clerks of their respective cities and
4 towns the names of all copartnerships and unin-
5 corporated companies and associations having a
6 location or place of business therein, with a de-
7 tailed statement showing the name and residence
8 of each member of such copartnership, company,

9 or association on the first day of the preceding
10 May.

1 SECTION 2. Every city and town clerk shall
2 record the returns provided for in the preceding
3 section in a book kept for that purpose, which
4 shall be open to public inspection in the same
5 manner as other public records kept by such
6 clerks.

1 SECTION 3. A copy of the record of such
2 returns made and kept as above provided, certi-
3 fied by such clerk, shall be received in all courts
4 and places as prima facie evidence that a person
5 named in such return as a member of such co-
6 partnership, company or association is such in
7 fact, and that the residence stated in such return
8 is the true residence of such member.

1 SECTION 4. Any member of such copartner-
2 ship, company or association who refuses to
3 answer or answers falsely to the assessors relative
4 to the membership or residence of a member
5 thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less
6 than ten dollars, to be paid into the county
7 treasury.

1 SECTION 5. If the assessors of a city or town
2 neglect to comply with the requirements of
3 section one of this act each assessor so neglecting
4 shall forfeit one hundred dollars.