

HOUSE No. 824.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Alden, Stockwell and others for legislation to authorize the appointment of official stenographers for the probate courts for the counties of Suffolk and Middlesex. Probate and Chancery. February 4.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

To authorize the Judges of the Suffolk and Middlesex Probate Courts to employ Official Stenographers to take the Testimony in such Cases as they deem Necessary.

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 judges of the probate courts for the
2 counties of Middlesex and Suffolk may in their discretion
3 appoint stenographers who shall be sworn to take steno-
4 graphic notes of all the evidence in any case tried before
5 said courts.

1 SECTION 2. Stenographers appointed under the pro-
2 visions of this act shall take stenographic notes of all the

3 evidence given at the hearing for which they were ap-
4 pointed and of the rulings of the presiding justice, and
5 when requested by him shall read from such notes in
6 open court any portion of the testimony so taken and
7 upon request shall provide him with a transcript of such
8 notes fully written out of such part of said testimony or
9 rulings as may be desired, and upon request shall within
10 a reasonable time furnish to either party a like transcript
11 upon payment of the party requesting it of ten cents a
12 hundred words for each copy so furnished. If the tran-
13 script is furnished at the request of the presiding justice
14 the stenographer shall be paid therefor at the same rate
15 by the county upon a voucher approved by the justice.
16 Stenographers appointed under the provisions of this
17 act shall each receive nine dollars a day of actual and
18 necessary attendance at court.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.