

HOUSE No. 383.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Jan. 28, 1903.

[Introduced on leave by Mr. Bennett of Saugus. Agriculture.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

To Establish a Commissioner of Agriculture, and to
Reorganize the State Board of Agriculture.

*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 governor shall, with the ad-
2 vice and consent of the council, appoint in Dec-
3 ember of the current year and every third year
4 thereafter, a commissioner of agriculture, who
5 shall have the powers and perform the duties now
6 or hereafter conferred or imposed upon the secre-
7 tary of the state board of agriculture. His term of
8 office shall be three years, beginning with the first
9 day of January following his appointment; but
10 he may be removed at any time by the governor,

11 with the advice and consent of the council ; and
12 any vacancy shall be filled in like manner. The
13 commissioner of agriculture shall make an annual
14 report to the general court in the month of Jan-
15 uary. His salary shall be three thousand dollars
16 per year. The office of the secretary of the state
17 board of agriculture shall cease to exist on the
18 first day of January in the year nineteen hundred
19 and four.

1 SECTION 2. The governor shall, with the ad-
2 vice and consent of the council, appoint in Decem-
3 ber of the current year six members, who, with
4 the commissioner of agriculture and with his
5 excellency the governor, shall constitute a state
6 board of agriculture. Of the six members ap-
7 pointed in December of the current year, two
8 shall serve for the term of one year, two for the
9 term of two years, and two for the term of three
10 years; and in the month of December, nineteen
11 hundred and four, and thereafter annually in that
12 month the governor shall, with the advice and
13 consent of the council, appoint two members of
14 the state board of agriculture for the term of three
15 years. The terms of office of the members of
16 the said board shall begin on the first day of
17 January. Any vacancy occurring in the said
18 board may be filled in like manner. The board
19 thus constituted shall have the powers and per-
20 form the duties now exercised by the state board
21 of agriculture under chapter eighty-nine of the
22 Revised Laws and any amendments thereof. The

23 said state board of agriculture as now constituted
24 shall cease to exist on the first day of January in
25 the year nineteen hundred and four. The mem-
26 bers of the said board of agriculture shall receive
27 no salary, but shall be allowed for their travelling
28 expenses and services such sums as may be fixed
29 by the governor and council.

1 SECTION 3. So much of the said chapter
2 eighty-nine and any amendments as is inconsistent
3 herewith is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

