

HOUSE No. 985.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Frank H. Howe for legislation relative to the duties of assessors and assistant assessors. Election Laws. Feb. 5]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

AN ACT

Relative to the Duties of Assessors and Assistant Assessors in the City of Boston.

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 second paragraph of section
2 fifteen of chapter eleven of the Revised Laws is
3 hereby amended by adding at the end of said
4 paragraph, the words: — Opposite each name so
5 written down shall be written, and opposite each
6 name printed in the lists of persons reported for
7 the assessment of a poll tax published by the as-
8 sessors shall be printed, the name of the inmate,
9 owner or occupant of the building or the name
10 and address of any other person who gives the
11 information relating to such male persons or
12 women voters. Where such information is given

13 by one person relating to more than one such
14 male person or woman voter residing in one build-
15 ing, ditto marks may be used in said books and
16 lists under the name of the person giving the in-
17 formation, after such name has been once written
18 or printed opposite the name of the male person
19 or woman voter first written down as residing in
20 said building, — so as to read as follows: —

21 In Boston the assessors shall, themselves or by
22 the assistant assessors, in making the lists of male
23 persons liable to be assessed for a poll tax and of
24 the women voters proceed as follows: — two as-
25 sessors or two assistant assessors, not being of the
26 same political party, shall together visit every
27 building and verify each other's work upon the
28 spot, and the names of the male persons liable to
29 be assessed and of the women voters shall be
30 written down at every building upon the spot in
31 the books furnished by the assessors, before the
32 next building is visited. Opposite each name so
33 written down shall written, and opposite each
34 name printed in the lists of persons reported for
35 the assessment of a poll tax published by the as-
36 sessors shall be printed, the name of the inmate,
37 owner or occupant of the building or the name
38 and address of any other person who gives the
39 information relating to such male persons or
40 women voters. Where such information is given
41 by one person relating to more than one such
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43 ing, ditto marks may be used in said books and
44 lists under the name of the person giving the in-
45 formation, after such name has been once written

46 or printed opposite the name of the male person
47 or woman voter first written down as residing in
48 said building.

1 SECTION 2. Section three hundred and sixty-
2 six of chapter eleven of the Revised Laws is
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word
4 “thereof,” in the fourth line of said section, the
5 words:— or who refuses or neglects to write or
6 cause to be printed opposite the name of a male
7 person liable to be assessed for a poll tax or a
8 woman voter, the name of the inmate, owner or
9 occupant of the building, or the name and address
10 of any other person, who gives the information
11 relating to such male person or woman voter, as
12 provided by law, — so as to read as follows:—

13 *Section 366.* An assessor or assistant assessor
14 who knowingly enters on any list of assessed polls
15 or causes or allows to be entered thereon, the
16 name of any person as a resident of a building,
17 who is not a resident thereof, or who refuses or
18 neglects to write or cause to be printed opposite
19 the name of a male person liable to be assessed
20 for a poll tax or a woman voter, the name of the
21 inmate, owner or occupant of the building, or the
22 name and address of any other person, who gives
23 the information relating to such male person or
24 woman voter, as provided by law, shall for each
25 offence be punished by imprisonment for not more
26 than six months.

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

