

HOUSE No. 1141.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 15, 1904.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the bill (introduced on leave) relative to the settlement of estates of absentees (House, No. 323), and the bill (introduced on leave) relative to the settlement of estates of absentees (House, No. 345) report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

WILLIAM H. GOVE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Four.

AN ACT

Relative to the Settlement of Estates of Absentees.

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 four of chapter one hun-
2 dred and forty-four of the Revised Laws is hereby
3 amended by striking out the word "cause," in the
4 third line, and inserting in place thereof the
5 word:— order; and by striking out all of said
6 section after the word "Commonwealth," in the
7 tenth line,— so as to read as follows:—

8 *Section 4.* The return day of said notice shall
9 not be less than thirty nor more than sixty days
10 after its date. The court shall order said notice
11 to be published in one or more newspapers within
12 the Commonwealth, once in each of three succes-
13 sive weeks and to be posted in two or more con-
14 spicuous places in the city or town in which the
15 absentee last resided or was known to have been

16 either temporarily or permanently, and upon each
17 parcel of land named in the officer's schedule, and
18 a copy to be mailed to the last known address of
19 such absentee. The court may order other and
20 further notice to be given within or without the
21 Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty of chapter five
2 hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year
3 nineteen hundred and two is hereby repealed.

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

