

SENATE No. 60.

To accompany the petition of Emerson Stone to establish certain buildings and fences as boundaries of certain ways and other places. Joint Judiciary.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to Buildings and Fences fronting on Certain Ways and Other Places.

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 one of chapter fifty-three of the Re-
2 vised Laws is hereby amended by striking out in
3 the twelfth line the words "unless it has continued
4 at least forty years," and substituting therefor the
5 words: — *and no length of possession or occu-*
6 *pancy of land within the limit of such ways or*
7 *places, by an owner or occupant of adjoining land,*
8 *shall give him any title thereto, — so as to read as*
9 follows: —

10 *Section 1.* If any buildings or fences have
11 been erected and continued for more than twenty
12 years, fronting upon or against a highway, town
13 way, private way, training-field, burying-place,
14 landing place, street, lane or alley, or other land
15 appropriated for the general use or convenience
16 of the inhabitants of the Commonwealth, or of a
17 county, city, town or parish, and from the length
18 of time or otherwise the boundaries thereof are
19 not known and cannot be made certain by the
20 records or by monuments, such buildings or
21 fences shall be taken to be the true boundaries
22 thereof. If boundaries of such ways or places
23 can be made certain any building or fence thereon
24 may, upon the presentment of a grand jury, be
25 removed as a nuisance *and no length of possession*
26 *or occupancy of land within the limit of such*
27 *ways or places, by an owner or occupant of ad-*
28 *joining land, shall give him any title thereto.*