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Bill accompanying the petition of Samuel Ross for legislation to provide for the establishment of free employment offices in certain cities. Probate and Chancery. January 23.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Establishment and Maintenance of Free Employment Offices in Certain Cities.

*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. There shall be established and main-  
2 tained, under the care and direction of the chief of the  
3 bureau of statistics of labor, in every city of the Com-  
4 monwealth which shall accept the provisions of this act  
5 as hereinafter provided, employment offices for the pur-  
6 pose of bringing together those who seek labor and  
7 those who desire employment.

1 SECTION 2. The chief of the bureau of statistics of  
2 labor is hereby authorized and directed, whenever he  
3 shall receive notice of the acceptance of the provisions

4 of this act by any city, to immediately organize and es-  
5 tablish in every such city a free public employment  
6 office, and shall appoint, under such rules and regula-  
7 tions as govern appointments to the clerical service in  
8 said bureau, one superintendent for each of said offices,  
9 to discharge, under the direction of said chief, the duties  
10 hereinafter set forth.

1 SECTION 3. Each superintendent shall clearly and  
2 plainly indicate by a proper sign the location of his  
3 office.

1 SECTION 4. It shall be the duty of such superintend-  
2 ents to receive and record in properly arranged books  
3 all applications from those seeking employment and also  
4 from those desiring to employ, and to take such other  
5 action as may best promote the purpose of said offices.  
6 Such records shall plainly show in brief the qualifications  
7 of all applicants and such other facts as shall be deemed  
8 necessary by the chief of said bureau, who shall furnish  
9 to each superintendent all such record books, forms,  
10 blanks, or other stationery as may be required in con-  
11 ducting the office. Each superintendent shall be allowed  
12 such clerical assistance as to the chief shall appear neces-  
13 sary, appointments thereto being subject to the rules and  
14 regulations governing appointments to the clerical ser-  
15 vice in said bureau.

1 SECTION 5. No fees, direct or indirect, shall in any  
2 case be taken from those seeking the benefits of these  
3 offices.

1 SECTION 6. The privilege of registration shall be  
2 confined to residents of the Commonwealth. Proof of

3 residence, when necessary, may be required from a  
4 selectman of a town or the mayor of a city.

1 SECTION 7. Each superintendent shall make to the  
2 chief of said bureau a weekly report of such applications  
3 for labor or employment as may be registered in his  
4 office, with full details relating thereto. The said chief  
5 shall cause all such reports to be printed and regularly  
6 interchanged between every such office, and the several  
7 superintendents shall cause the same to be posted in a  
8 conspicuous place, to the end that they may be publicly  
9 inspected.

1 SECTION 8. Any clerk or superintendent who directly  
2 or indirectly charges or receives any fees in the per-  
3 formance of his duties shall be deemed guilty of a mis-  
4 demeanor, and shall be fined in any sum not to exceed  
5 fifty dollars, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail  
6 not to exceed thirty days.

1 SECTION 9. Each office shall, upon request of said  
2 chief, be provided with suitable rooms, furniture and  
3 incidentals, under the direction of the sergeant-at-arms.  
4 There shall be paid out of the treasury of the Common-  
5 wealth for salaries and for contingent expenses in con-  
6 nection with such offices a sum not exceeding  
7 annually. The annual salary of each superintendent shall  
8 be . The amounts expended on account of  
9 each office shall be annually computed for each city  
10 within which such office is located. The state treasurer  
11 shall thereupon issue his warrant, as provided in section  
12 thirty-one of chapter eleven of the Public Statutes, re-  
13 quiring the assessors of such city to assess a tax to the  
14 amount of the said expenses, and the sum shall be col-

15 lected and paid over to the state treasurer, in the same  
16 manner that other state taxes are levied and paid.

1     SECTION 10. This act shall take effect in any city  
2 upon its acceptance by the city government thereof, and  
3 immediately after such acceptance due notice thereof  
4 shall be transmitted by the city clerk to the chief of the  
5 bureau of statistics of labor.