

Bill accompanying the petition of Theodore L. Sorenson for legislation to provide for right of appeal and trial by jury in cases of contempt of court. Joint Judiciary. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To provide for Jury Trials in Certain Instances of Contempt of Court.

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. In the superior court, for any county, any
2 person accused of contempt of court, unless said contempt
3 be committed in the presence of the court, shall be entitled
4 to a jury trial, if the same be claimed within ten days
5 after the entry of said proceeding, and the said contempt
6 case shall thereupon be tried as all other cases are tried in
7 the superior criminal court, by the district attorney rep-
8 resenting the commonwealth, but not enlarging in any wise
9 the punishment now provided for contempt, and in case
10 of a conviction in said superior court after a trial by jury,
11 the person so accused shall have a right to take the case to
12 the supreme judicial court by a bill of exception, as in
13 criminal cases.

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

