

SENATE No. 225

To accompany the petition of Arthur L. Nason for legislation relative to legislative counsel and agents. Joint Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

Relative to Legislative Counsel and Agents.

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. Chapter three of the Revised Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding thereto the following:
3 — *Section 33.* The term “legislative counsel” as
4 used in this chapter shall be construed to mean any
5 person who for compensation appears at any public
6 hearing before committees of the general court in
7 regard to proposed legislation and who does no
8 other acts in regard to the same except such things
9 as are necessarily incident to such appearance be-
10 fore such committees.

11 The term “legislative agent” as used in this
12 chapter shall be construed to mean any person,
13 firm, association or corporation who for hire or

14 reward does any act to promote or oppose pro-
15 posed legislation except to appear at public hear-
16 ings before committees of the general court as
17 legislative counsel. *Section 34.* No member of a
18 state or district political committee shall act as
19 legislative agent or counsel. The provisions of
20 section thirty-one of this chapter shall apply to
21 violations of the provisions of this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first
2 day of July, nineteen hundred and eleven.