

HOUSE No. 1461

Bill accompanying the petition of William R. Sears and others for an amendment of the law relative to interrogatories in civil actions. Joint Judiciary. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To amend the Law relative to Interrogatories in Civil Actions.

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 sixty-three of chapter one hundred
2 and seventy-three of the Revised Laws, as amended by
3 chapter five hundred and ninety-three of the acts of the
4 year nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby amended by
5 striking out the following words " or to disclose the names
6 of the witnesses by whom or the manner in which he
7 proposes to prove his own case, but the court may compel
8 a party to disclose the names of witnesses and their ad-
9 dresses, if justice seems to require it, upon such terms
10 and conditions as the court may deem expedient, where

11 the names of witnesses are in the exclusive possession of
12 one party to the action", — so as to read as follows: —
13 *Section 63.* The party interrogated shall not be obliged
14 to answer a question or produce a document if it would
15 tend to criminate him, or to disclose his title to any prop-
16 erty the title whereof is not material to the trial of the
17 action in the course of which he is interrogated.

1 SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

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