

HOUSE No. 1677

Bill accompanying the petition of Walter Gilman Page and others for legislation to forbid the use of typewriting machines and similar devices for engrossing the acts and resolves and for recording the proceedings of the Council. Legal Affairs. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Engrossment of Bills and Resolves Passed by the General Court and the Recording of the Proceedings of the Council.

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 nineteen of chapter three of the
2 Revised Laws as amended by chapter one hundred and
3 seventy of the acts of nineteen hundred and twelve is
4 hereby further amended by inserting after the word
5 "parchment", in the third and thirteenth lines the
6 words:— or parchment paper,— by striking out the
7 words "or written by a typewriting machine", in the
8 fourth line and inserting in place thereof the words:—
9 or printed by the state printers,— by striking out the

10 words "typewritten", in the fifth and seventh lines and
11 inserting in place thereof the words: — or printed, — so
12 as to read as follows: — *Section 19.* Bills and resolves
13 which have been passed to be engrossed shall under the
14 direction of the secretary of the commonwealth, be fairly
15 engrossed on parchment or parchment paper in a plain
16 and legible handwriting, or be printed by the state
17 printers, without interlineation, and with a margin of
18 not less than one inch on each side. Each sheet on which
19 bills are engrossed or printed shall be eighteen inches
20 long and thirteen inches wide and each sheet on which
21 resolves are engrossed or printed shall be fifteen inches
22 long and ten inches wide. The secretary shall cause the
23 acts and resolves of each session to be neatly and strongly
24 bound in separate volumes of convenient size and lettered
25 on the back with a designation of the contents and the
26 legislative year. If such original engrossed acts or re-
27 solves are becoming illegible, the secretary shall cause
28 parchment or parchment paper copies thereof, similar
29 to the originals, to be engrossed, and shall attest them.
30 Such attested copies shall have the same force and effect
31 as the originals.

1 SECTION 2. Section six of chapter four of the Re-
2 vised Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word
3 "dollars", in the seventh line, the words: — The official
4 records of the proceedings of the council shall be made up
5 from the minutes, under the direction of the secretary of
6 the commonwealth, and shall be entered in a plain, legi-
7 ble handwriting in volumes of similar size and makeup
8 to those heretofore used for the purpose, said volumes
9 to be deposited in the archives division of his office, — so
10 as to read as follows: — *Section 6.* The governor with
11 the advice and consent of the council, may appoint an

12 executive secretary and a messenger, each of whom shall
13 hold office during the pleasure of the governor and coun-
14 cil and shall perform the duties required of him by the
15 governor or by the governor and council. The executive
16 secretary shall receive an annual salary of two thousand
17 dollars and the messenger an annual salary of twelve hun-
18 dred dollars. The official records of the proceedings of
19 the council shall be made up from the minutes, under the
20 direction of the secretary of the commonwealth, and shall
21 be entered in a plain, legible handwriting in volumes of
22 similar size and makeup to those heretofore used for the
23 purpose, said volumes to be deposited in the archives
24 division of his office.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter one hundred and seventy of the
2 acts of nineteen hundred and twelve is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

