

HOUSE No. 91

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the Controller of County Accounts (House, No. 90). Counties. January 12.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Maintenance of Law Libraries and to the Bonds of their Treasurers.

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 four of chapter thirty-eight
2 of the Revised Laws, as amended by section one of
3 chapter two hundred and forty-one of the acts of
4 the year nineteen hundred and twelve and by section
5 one of chapter one hundred and eighty of the acts
6 of the year nineteen hundred and thirteen, is hereby
7 further amended by striking out the first six lines
8 thereof, and by striking out the last sentence thereof,
9 and substituting the following:—For the purpose of
10 maintaining law libraries controlled by legally established
11 corporations and associations designated in sections one
12 and two of this chapter, and to none other, county
13 treasurers shall pay annually to such corporations and

14 associations such amounts as the county commissioners
15 shall include in their annual estimate of receipts and ex-
16 penditures, granted and appropriated by the legislature
17 in the county tax, a separate amount being fixed for each
18 library in case there is more than one in a county. The
19 treasurer of every law library association and of every
20 bar association having in charge a law library, supported
21 in whole or part by the county, before receiving any
22 money from the county treasurer, shall give bond, with
23 sureties to the satisfaction of the county commissioners,
24 for the faithful application of such money, and that he
25 will make a return annually to the county treasurer,
26 under oath, of the manner in which it has been expended,
27 fully itemizing all receipts and expenditures and accom-
28 panying the same with proper vouchers, — so as to read
29 as follows: — *Section 4.* For the purpose of maintain-
30 ing law libraries controlled by legally established cor-
31 porations and associations designated in sections one and
32 two of this chapter, and to none other, county treasurers
33 shall pay annually to such corporations and associations
34 such amounts as the county commissioners shall include
35 in their annual estimate of receipts and expenditures,
36 granted and appropriated by the legislature in the county
37 tax, a separate amount being fixed for each library in
38 case there is more than one in a county. All sums so
39 paid shall be applied to maintain and enlarge such libra-
40 ries for the use of courts and of citizens. The treasurer
41 of every law library association, and of every bar asso-
42 ciation having in charge a law library supported in whole
43 or part by the county, before receiving any money from
44 the county treasurer, shall give bond, with sureties to
45 the satisfaction of the county commissioners, for the
46 faithful application of such money, under oath, of the

47 manner in which it has been expended, fully itemizing
48 all receipts and expenditures and accompanying the same
49 with proper vouchers.

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 pas-
2 sage.

