

# HOUSE . . . . No. 195

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Bill accompanying the petition of Benjamin F. Haines relative to the use of conveyances for taking voters to the polls at the expense of the Commonwealth. Election Laws. January 12.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

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### AN ACT

To authorize the Use of Conveyances at Elections at the Expense of the Commonwealth.

*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. A city, town or ward committee of either  
2 of the two leading political parties may employ, at a state  
3 election, one conveyance at each polling place within the  
4 jurisdiction of the committee, for the purpose of trans-  
5 porting voters to and from the polls, the expense thereof  
6 to be borne by the commonwealth as hereinafter provided.

1 SECTION 2. On application made on behalf of a city,  
2 town or ward committee of either of the two leading po-  
3 litical parties, not later than thirty days before a state  
4 election, stating under oath the intention of the com-

5 mittee to employ a certain conveyance for the purpose of  
6 transporting voters to and from the polls at the succeed-  
7 ing state election, the name of the person from whom the  
8 conveyance is to be hired, and the amount to be charged  
9 for such hire, the registrars of voters shall forthwith for-  
10 ward such application to the secretary of the common-  
11 wealth with their recommendations endorsed thereon; and  
12 the secretary of the commonwealth shall forthwith issue  
13 to the said committee a certificate authorizing the com-  
14 mittee, as the agent of the commonwealth, to contract for  
15 the hire of such conveyance and to bind the common-  
16 wealth to pay for such hire an amount not more than a  
17 sum certain therein stated, which sum is to be fixed by  
18 the secretary of the commonwealth and of which he is to  
19 be the final judge.

1 SECTION 3. A person from whom a conveyance has  
2 been hired under the provisions of this act, upon the pre-  
3 sentation of the certificate authorizing such hire, together  
4 with an affidavit stating under oath the amount agreed on  
5 for such hire, and that the terms of the certificate have  
6 been complied with, shall receive from the treasury of  
7 the commonwealth the amount agreed on, but not in excess  
8 of the amount authorized in the certificate.

1 SECTION 4. Whoever knowingly or wilfully makes a  
2 false affidavit, takes a false oath or signs a false state-  
3 ment under the provisions of this act, shall be punished  
4 by imprisonment for not less than six months.

1 SECTION 5. The secretary of the commonwealth shall  
2 provide suitable blanks for use in carrying out the pro-  
3 visions of the preceding sections.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.