

HOUSE No. 992

Bill accompanying the petition of John T. Fennell and others relative to the suspension of judges from office. Joint Judiciary. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Suspension of Judges and Other Judicial Officers.

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. Any judge, justice, magistrate or any per-
2 son acting in a judicial capacity created or existing by
3 virtue of the laws of this commonwealth, who shall refuse
4 to be controlled by the Revised Laws and statutes, until
5 duly declared unconstitutional, or shall make, authorize
6 or sanction arbitrary arithmetic, refusing to make correct
7 addition, subtraction, multiplication or division in matters
8 under adjudication, or shall, by subterfuge or perversion
9 of the constitution or laws, deprive a citizen of trial by
10 jury or shall make a decree, judgment or order to elimi-
11 nate, or attempt to eliminate, the laws of gravitation, or

12 shall deny the physical existence of a book, document,
 13 paper or other object when produced, authenticated or
 14 present to the senses, or shall refuse to take judicial notice
 15 that a certain day of the week is Sunday, or a legal holi-
 16 day, or who is charged with immorality or any act render-
 17 ing him liable to impeachment, shall, on complaint to the
 18 governor of the commonwealth, by him be suspended or
 19 relieved from office, and all duties, privileges, perquisites
 20 or benefits thereof, to await such action as the legislature
 21 when next in session may see fit to exercise in the
 22 premises.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.