

HOUSE No. 1152

Bill accompanying the petition of Albert P. Worthen and others that the probate court be given authority to award compensation to auditors and others. Legal Affairs. January 20.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To give the Probate Court Additional Authority to appoint
Auditors.

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 fifty-five of chapter one hundred
2 and sixty-five of the Revised Laws is hereby amended
3 by striking out the word "or", in the second line, and
4 inserting after the words "superior court", in said
5 second line, the words: — or the probate court, — so as
6 to read as follows: — *Section 55.* When a civil action
7 is at issue, the supreme judicial court, the superior court,
8 or the probate court, in its discretion, and a police, dis-
9 trict or municipal court, if both parties assent thereto
10 in writing, may appoint one or more auditors to hear the
11 parties, examine their vouchers and evidence, state ac-

12 counts and report upon such matters therein as may be
 13 ordered by the court. The report shall be prima facie
 14 evidence upon such matters only as are expressly em-
 15 braced in the order.

1 SECTION 2. Section fifty-six of said chapter one hun-
 2 dred and sixty-five is hereby repealed.

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