

HOUSE No. 3557

By Mr. Colo of Athol, petition of H. Thomas Colo for legislation to establish an ethics committee for the House of Representatives. Rules (House).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT CREATING AN ETHICS COMMITTEE FOR THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 28A the following section:—
- 3 *Section 28B.* Within sixty days of the first Wednesday in
- 4 January following each state election, the members of the
- 5 house of representatives shall provide for the election of an
- 6 ethics committee by its members. Such election shall be by
- 7 secret ballot and shall provide for the election to such com-
- 8 mittee an equal number of democrats and republicans. Said
- 9 committee shall draw up a code of ethics for the members of
- 10 the house of representatives and present such code to the
- 11 membership for formal approval. Said committee shall act
- 12 upon all matters brought to its attention relative to the
- 13 conduct or activity of any of the members of the house of
- 14 representatives or any person or persons under its jurisdiction.

The following is a list of the names of the members of the House of Representatives for the year 1877-78.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

1877-78

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 2, Clause 3

For the purpose of this clause, the words "electors" shall be construed to mean the electors of the several States.

It is hereby declared that the electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors in that State.

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