

SENATE....No. 271.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, April 30, 1869.

The Committee on the Treasury, to whom was committed the Order of the Senate of April 12, to consider what legislation, if any, is necessary to secure the proper auditing of legislative expenses, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

JOHN H. LOCKEY, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To provide for the proper auditing of Legislative Expenses.

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

1 SECT. 1. Accounts for expenditures incurred or
2 services rendered, other than by legislative commit-
3 tees, under an order of either or both branches of the
4 legislature, may be approved by the presiding officer
5 of the branch by which the same is passed, or by the
6 sergent-at-arms or other person or persons, if spec-
7 ially intrusted with their direction or supervision, and
8 thereupon the auditor shall audit and certify the same
9 for allowance and payment. But no such order shall
10 authorize the expenditure of more than one hundred
11 dollars, unless a specific appropriation of a larger
12 sum has been previously made.

1 SECT. 2. Accounts for expenditures incurred by
2 committees of the legislature, either for travelling,
3 clerical or contingent purposes, during a regular or
4 special session, may be approved by the chairman
5 thereof, or by the sergeant-at-arms, if the latter is cog-
6 nizant of the same, and upon such approval the audi-
7 tor shall audit and certify said accounts for allowance
8 and payment.

1 SECT. 3. Accounts for expenditures incurred by
2 committees of the legislature appointed to act during
3 the recess, may be approved by the chairman thereof,
4 or other person or persons duly authorized to approve
5 the same, and upon such approval the auditor shall
6 audit and certify said accounts for allowance and
7 payment; and the compensation for the services of
8 such committees shall be determined and approved in
9 accordance with the provisions of section forty-seven
10 of chapter fifteen of the General Statutes; but no
11 such committees shall incur any liability in behalf of
12 the state after the close of the recess during which
13 they may have been appointed to act.

1 SECT. 4. Sections thirty-seven and forty-five of
2 chapter fifteen of the General Statutes, and all acts
3 or parts of acts inconsistent herewith, are hereby
4 repealed.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.

