

SENATE No. 188.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 28, 1897.

The committee on Military Affairs, who were instructed to inquire into the working of the militia laws and regulations, with a view to determining if any legislation is necessary, and to placing the responsibility for the discontent and lack of discipline that are reported as existing in some of the organizations; and to whom was referred the Bill (introduced on leave in the House) to increase the efficiency of the militia (House, No. 532); and the petition of Wm. H. Marden for legislation to fix the term of office of Brigadier-General in the militia (accompanied by bill, House, No. 766), report, in part, the accompanying bill, having in another report, made in the Senate this day, given their reasons therefor. (For report referred to, see Senate, No. 187.)

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-seven.

AN ACT

Relative to the Term of Office of a Brigadier-General
in the Militia.

*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. Brigadier Generals of the line in
2 the Massachusetts Volunteer Militia shall, after
3 the passage of this act, be elected as now provided
4 by law for the term of seven years; at the expira-
5 tion of which term they shall be placed on the
6 retired list, and shall not be eligible for re-election.

1 SECT. 2. All brigadier generals who on the
2 first day of August, in the year eighteen hundred
3 and ninety-seven, shall have held their commis-
4 sions for a period of seven years or more, shall be
5 placed on the retired list on that date. And the
6 commander in chief shall forthwith order elections
7 to fill any vacancies thus created. But the officers
8 thus retired shall not be eligible for re-election.

1 SECT. 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

