

HOUSE No. 1101.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 5, 1899.

The committee on State House, to whom was referred the annual report of the State House Construction Commissioners (House, No. 157), report, in part, the accompanying bill.

W. E. SKILLINGS.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 14, 1899.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill relative to mural decorations to be placed in the State House, report that the further consideration thereof be referred to the next General Court.

For the Committee,

C. H. ADAMS.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to Mural Decorations to be placed in the
State House.

*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. The sum of twenty-five thousand
2 dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of
3 the treasury of the Commonwealth, for five mural
4 decorations to be placed in and without memorial
5 hall in the state house. A sum not exceeding
6 five hundred dollars may be expended in carrying
7 out the following provisions.

1 SECTION 2. The governor is hereby authorized
2 and requested to appoint, on or before the first
3 day of December, eighteen hundred and ninety-
4 nine, a committee consisting of seven members,
5 four of whom shall be artists resident in the
6 United States, to act as a jury to select from the
7 sketches presented to them five designs for the

8 said purpose; and the treasurer of the Common-
9 wealth is hereby authorized to pay the sum of
10 five thousand dollars to each of the artists so
11 selected upon the completion by him of a painting
12 in oil-color upon canvas to be affixed to the wall
13 of the said hall.

1 SECTION 3. Within fifteen days after the pas-
2 sage of this act, the governor and council shall
3 cause to be published at their discretion in the
4 chief newspapers of the larger cities of the United
5 States, a notice substantially in the following
6 terms: Notice is hereby given, that the sum of
7 twenty-five thousand dollars has been appropri-
8 ated by the legislature of Massachusetts for five
9 designs for mural decorations to be placed in the
10 state house at Boston. This competition is open
11 to all artists who are citizens of the United States
12 and who reside in the United States. Any such
13 artist may submit designs for one or all of the
14 said decorations. The designs may be in either
15 oil or water color, and should be deposited with
16 the sergeant-at-arms in the state house at Boston.
17 No design can be received after January fifteenth,
18 nineteen hundred. Each design shall have upon
19 it a number placed conspicuously in the right-
20 hand, lower corner, and each competitor shall
21 send to the sergeant-at-arms as aforesaid, by mail,
22 a sealed envelope, containing the number of his
23 design, with his name and address. No other
24 mark shall be placed upon the design itself.
25 After the jury have selected five designs, the

26 envelopes shall be opened in their presence, and
27 the names of the successful competitors then as-
28 certained. All the designs submitted shall be
29 placed on exhibition by the jury for not less than
30 two weeks and within two weeks after the fif-
31 teenth day of January, nineteen hundred. The
32 decision of said jury shall be final, and shall be
33 announced at least four days before the close of
34 the said exhibition.

1 SECTION 4. The jury may reject all the de-
2 signs submitted to them if they deem them un-
3 satisfactory. In that event, another similar
4 competition shall be published and held.

1 SECTION 5. The jury shall receive no com-
2 pensation, but any necessary travelling expenses
3 which they may incur shall be paid out of the
4 treasury of the Commonwealth. No member of
5 the jury shall be a competitor.

1 SECTION 6. The successful competitors shall be
2 given a reasonable time within which to complete
3 their pictures, and if for any reason they, or any
4 one of them, should fail to complete his picture
5 within the time specified by this act, the governor
6 and council are hereby authorized to hold another
7 competition similar to that above provided for.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.