

HOUSE . . . No. 108

Accompanying the fourth recommendation of the Secretary of the Commonwealth (House, No. 104). State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DIVISION OF COMPILATION IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SECRETARY.

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. There is established in the department
2 of the secretary and under his direction and control a
3 division of compilation. This division shall be headed
4 by a chief of compilation who shall be an attorney
5 skilled and trained in the field of statutory form and
6 judicial interpretation of statutes and shall be paid
7 such compensation as shall be approved by the gov-
8 ernor and council. There shall be an assistant in com-
9 pilation, who shall be an attorney and whose com-
10 pensation shall be approved by the governor and
11 council and a clerk trained and qualified as a legal
12 secretary.

1 SECTION 2. This division under the direction of
2 the secretary shall keep a current index of all acts and
3 resolves during each session of the general court, and

4 shall publish annually within thirty days after the
5 adjournment of each annual session of the general
6 court an index of the General Laws, including all
7 amendments up to and including those of the current
8 session, either as a loose leaf or pocket supplement to
9 the General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. This division under the direction of
2 the secretary shall collaborate with the commission
3 established under the provisions of chapter ninety-
4 four of the resolves of nineteen hundred and forty-
5 nine in preparing a revision, recodification, consolida-
6 tion and arrangement of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 4. On and after the first Monday in
2 January, nineteen hundred and fifty-one, this division
3 is charged with the responsibility of keeping the Gen-
4 eral Laws current, and shall publish annually not later
5 than the first Monday in December in each year, be-
6 ginning in nineteen hundred and fifty-one, an up-to-
7 date loose leaf or pocket supplement to the General
8 Laws. The division shall likewise on the first Wed-
9 nesday in January in each year, beginning in nineteen
10 hundred and fifty-two, report to the general court all
11 circuitous, tautological and ambiguous phraseology
12 contained in the General Laws, or the amendments
13 thereto, and any mistakes, omissions, inconsistencies
14 or imperfections contained in the General Laws or the
15 amendments thereto. All compilations, supplements
16 and reports shall contain brief but sufficient marginal
17 references to laws, chapters and sections concerned
18 and judicial decisions of the supreme judicial court or
19 other tribunals upon the subject matter contained
20 therein.