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Bill accompanying the petition of James H. Mellen for legislation to authorize the attachment of real estate by registers of deeds. Joint Judiciary. January 26.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

### AN ACT

To provide for Attachment of Real Estate by Registers of Deeds.

*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. In all actions commenced by original  
2 writ wherein the real estate of the defendant is re-  
3 quired to be attached, in addition to the officers who may  
4 already make such attachment, the plaintiff may direct  
5 in the writ the register of deeds in the county where the  
6 land is situated to make the attachment, and it shall be  
7 so made, as is now provided in Revised Laws, chapter one  
8 hundred and sixty-seven, sections fifty-eight to sixty-five,  
9 inclusive.

1 SECTION 2. Before such attachment the plaintiff or  
2 his attorney shall deposit a certified copy of the writ with

3 the register, as is now provided for in sections fifty-eight  
4 and fifty-nine of Revised Laws, chapter one hundred and  
5 sixty-seven; after the attachment is so made the register  
6 in his official capacity shall make a return on the writ,  
7 that attachment has been made, and return the writ to  
8 the plaintiff or his attorney for further service.

1 SECTION 3. For the purposes of attaching land a reg-  
2 ister of deeds shall be deemed to be an officer wherever  
3 the word "officer" occurs in the Revised Laws, chapter  
4 one hundred and sixty-seven, or elsewhere.

1 SECTION 4. The fees for attachment as herein pro-  
2 vided shall be one dollar, regardless of the number of  
3 defendants named in the writ.

1 SECTION 5. Nothing herein provided shall prevent the  
2 attachment of land by the officers, and in the manner now  
3 provided by law.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.