

## HOUSE....No. 298.

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### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

To establish a Metropolitan Police.

*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. There shall be appointed by the gov-  
2 ernor, with the consent of the council, an officer to be  
3 known as the constable of the Commonwealth, who  
4 shall be commissioned to hold office for three years,  
5 unless sooner removed, who shall reside in the city of  
6 Boston, and keep an office at some place therein, to  
7 be approved by the governor. He shall appoint as

8 many deputies as the governor and council may  
9 direct, having at least one deputy in each county of  
10 the Commonwealth, and at least twenty deputies in  
11 the county of Suffolk.

1     SECT. 2. The said constable of the Common-  
2 wealth and his deputies shall have and exercise all  
3 the common law and statutory powers of constables,  
4 except the service of civil process, and all the powers  
5 given to the police or watchmen by the statutes of  
6 the Commonwealth, or the charter or ordinances of  
7 the several cities, and their powers as constables shall  
8 extend throughout the Commonwealth. And the  
9 said constable and his deputies shall at all times obey  
10 all orders of the governor in relation to the preserva-  
11 tion of the public peace, or the execution of the laws  
12 throughout the Commonwealth, and it shall be their  
13 duty to see that the laws of the Commonwealth are  
14 observed and enforced; and they shall especially  
15 use their utmost endeavors to repress and prevent  
16 crime, by the suppression of liquor shops, gambling  
17 places and houses of ill-fame.

1     SECT. 3. The constable of the Commonwealth shall  
2 be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth an  
3 annual salary of two thousand dollars in equal  
4 quarterly payments, and his deputies shall be paid at  
5 the rate of three dollars per day when on duty. When  
6 required to travel on duty from one city or town to  
7 another, they shall be allowed the same compensation  
8 which is allowed by law to sheriffs and their deputies.  
9 The accounts of the deputy constables shall be verified  
10 by the affidavits of said constables, and shall be

11 approved by the constable of the Commonwealth,  
12 before being presented to the auditor of the Common-  
13 wealth, and when duly audited shall be paid out of  
14 the treasury of the Commonwealth.

1     SECT. 4. The constable of the Commonwealth,  
2 with the approval of the governor and council, shall  
3 make all needful rules for the regulation of the police  
4 duties of his deputies, and he shall see to it that not  
5 less than six deputies shall be on police duty at all  
6 hours of the day and night in the city of Boston, for  
7 the prevention of crime and the enforcement of the  
8 criminal laws of the Commonwealth.

