

SENATE . . . No. 221.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, April 28, 1865.

The Joint Special Committee on the subject of a change in the Law of Settlement, to whom was referred the Joint Order of April 21, directing them to consider the "expediency of enacting a law allowing the acts of Overseers of the Poor in furnishing relief as evidence of Settlement," report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

J. C. BLAISDELL, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relating to the Evidence of Pauper Settlements.

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. When any city or town has paid to any
2 other city or town expenses incurred by the latter for the
3 support or relief of a pauper, or has otherwise at its
4 expense supported or relieved a pauper, the fact of
5 such payment, or of such support or relief, shall be
6 competent evidence to be submitted to the jury on
7 the trial of any action wherein the legal settlement
8 of such pauper is in issue or controversy, and the
9 city or town having made such payment, or given
10 such support or relief, is a party thereto.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.