

HOUSE No. 246.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 29, 1873.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Order to inquire and report whether any legislation is necessary respecting qualifications of witnesses in courts of justice, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order of the Committee,

FREDERICK D. ELY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT

Concerning the Mode of Administering Oaths.

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 a person to be sworn before
2 any court or magistrate shall declare that any
3 peculiar mode of swearing is, in his opinion, more
4 solemn and obligatory than holding up the hand,
5 the oath may be administered in such mode.

1 SECT. 2. Section nine of chapter one hundred
2 and thirty-one of the General Statutes is hereby
3 repealed.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.