

HOUSE No. 297.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 23, 1888.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Bill, introduced on leave, concerning the Christian names of persons, report that the same ought not to pass.

For the Committee,

EDWARD J. FLYNN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight.

AN ACT

Concerning the Christian Names of Persons.

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. Whenever any person shall, at or
2 in consequence of the rite of confirmation in ac-
3 cordance with the practice of any established
4 religious sect or church, make any addition to or
5 change of the christian name or names, by which
6 he or she has been previously known, he or she
7 shall forthwith give notice thereof to the judge of
8 the probate court in the county where such
9 change was made, certified to by the clergyman
10 who administered such rite. Such notice shall be
11 entered on the records of such probate court, and
12 the judge thereof shall grant a certificate and
13 make return in the manner prescribed in chapter
14 one hundred and forty-eight of the Public Stat-
15 utes, sections thirteen and fourteen.

1 SECT. 2. Unless a change or addition of
2 christian name has been so recorded and certified,
3 the legal name of the person shall not be altered
4 by anything done at or in consequence of said rite
5 of confirmation.

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

