

HOUSE....No. 117.

[Reported by the Committee on the Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-One.

AN ACT

Concerning Bail in Criminal Cases.

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. The bail in criminal cases, at any time
2 before default, may exonerate themselves from further
3 liability, by surrendering their principal to the jailor
4 of the county where the offence of such principal was
5 committed, or is punishable, together with a certified
6 copy of the recognizance ; and such jailor is author-
7 ized and required to receive and detain such princi-

8 pal, in the same manner as if committed for not find-
9 ing sufficient surety or sureties to recognize for him.

1 SECT. 2. Any person surrendered by his bail, as
2 provided in the preceding section, or imprisoned for
3 not finding sufficient sureties to recognize for him,
4 may be admitted to bail in the same manner as is
5 provided in the twenty-second section of the one hun-
6 dred and thirty-fifth chapter of the Revised Statutes,
7 or by any standing or special commissioner of the
8 supreme judicial court or court of common pleas, ap-
9 pointed for such purpose.

1 SECT. 3. The two hundred and seventy-second
2 chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight
3 hundred and fifty, is hereby repealed.