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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 1, 1889.

The Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing that a copy of the ordinances of a city, duly certified by the city clerk, shall be prima facie evidence of such ordinances, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

J. OTIS WARDWELL.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

To amend Chapter One Hundred and Sixty-nine of the Public Statutes relating to Proof of Statutes.

*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. Section sixty-nine of chapter one  
2 hundred and sixty-nine of the Public Statutes is  
3 amended by inserting, after the word "govern-  
4 ment" in the third line, the words, "and the rules  
5 and regulations of a board of aldermen, the ordi-  
6 nances of a city, and the by-laws of a town, when  
7 attested by the clerk of such city or town," so  
8 that said section shall read as follows:—

9 "Sect. 69. The printed copies of all statutes,  
10 acts and resolves of the Commonwealth, whether  
11 of a public or private nature, published under the

12 authority of the government, and the rules and  
13 regulations of a board of aldermen, the ordi-  
14 nances of a city, and the by-laws of a town, when  
15 attested by the clerk of such city or town, shall  
16 be admitted as sufficient evidence thereof in all  
17 courts of law, and on all occasions whatsoever.”

1 SECT. 2. Section seventy of said chapter is  
2 amended by inserting, after the word “Common-  
3 wealth” in the second line, the words, “and of  
4 any city or town,” and by striking out all of said  
5 section after the word “genuineness,” in the fifth  
6 line, and inserting in place thereof the words,  
7 “thereof is attested by such officer,” so that said  
8 section shall read as follows: —

9 “*Sect. 70.* Copies of books, papers, docu-  
10 ments and records, in the executive and other  
11 departments of the Commonwealth, and of any  
12 city or town, duly authenticated by the attestation  
13 of the officer having charge of the same, shall be  
14 competent evidence in all cases equally with the  
15 originals thereof if the genuineness thereof is  
16 attested by such officer.”

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

