

By Mr. Keating of Sharon, petition of Thaddeus Buczko (Auditor of the Commonwealth) and William R. Keating that said State Auditor be granted certain subpoena powers. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE AUDITOR SUBPOENA POWER IN DISCHARGING THE DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE AUDITOR.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 11 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following sections: —

3 *Section 14.* In all matters relating to his official duties, the state  
4 auditor, or the first deputy state auditor, shall have the powers  
5 possessed by courts of law to issue subpoenas and cause them to be  
6 served and enforced. The state auditor, or the first deputy, shall  
7 issue subpoenas requiring any person who has had financial tran-  
8 sactions with the state to appear before him, and to answer under  
9 oath orally or in writing as to any facts concerning such transac-  
10 tions and for the purpose of obtaining any such facts the state  
11 auditor is empowered to administer oaths.

12 *Section 13A.* In case any witness duly subpoenaed refuses to  
13 attend, or refuses to produce documents, books, and papers, or  
14 shall attend and refuse to make oath or affirmation, or being  
15 sworn or affirmed, shall refuse to testify, the state auditor or the  
16 first deputy, may apply to the district court or any judge of said  
17 district having jurisdiction thereof, for the enforcement of attend-  
18 ance and answers to questions as provided by law in the matter of  
19 taking depositions. In the event of failure to respond to such  
20 summons of said court, such party shall be guilty of contempt of  
21 that court, and shall be dealt with by the court accordingly.

