

H. R.—No. 22.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

AN ACT

Fixing the compensation of the Counsellors, Senators and Representatives, and equalizing the expenses of Legislation.

1 SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and
2 *House of Representatives in General Court as-*
3 *sembled, and by the authority of the same, That*
4 each Counsellor, Senator and Representative
5 elected and qualified according to the Consti-
6 tution, shall receive from the Treasury of the
7 Commonwealth, two dollars per day, for every
8 day he shall attend in discharge of the duties
9 required of him by the Constitution and Laws
10 of the Commonwealth; and two dollars for
11 every twenty miles he shall travel for the per-
12 formance of said duties. And the President of
13 the Senate and Speaker of the House of Rep-

14 resentatives, shall receive in like manner, two
15 dollars per day, in addition to said daily com-
16 pensation.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That from and
2 after the present political year, every town or
3 city entitled to more than one Representative
4 in the General Court, which shall send more
5 than one half the number it is authorized by
6 the Constitution to choose shall reimburse the
7 Commonwealth all the money paid out of
8 the Treasury for the daily compensation of
9 every member sent above one half the num-
10 ber to which it may be constitutionally entitled,
11 and in case of the right to an odd number, the
12 town or city which sends one half the greatest
13 even number one year, and one more than half
14 the greatest even number the next year, shall
15 be considered as sending half the number to
16 which it is entitled.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if any
2 town having its name beginning with any of the
3 last thirteen letters of the alphabet, to wit, from
4 N to Z inclusive, and entitled to but one Rep-
5 resentative, shall send one in the year of our
6 Lord, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-
7 seven, or in any year afterwards, which is ex-
8 pressed by an odd number, said town shall re-
9 imburse to the Commonwealth all money paid
10 out of the Treasury, for the daily compensation
11 of such member.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted,* That if any
2 other town having a right to choose but one
3 Representative shall send one to the General
4 Court, in the year of our Lord, one thousand
5 eight hundred and twenty-eight, or in any year
6 afterwards expressed by an even number, such
7 town shall reimburse the Commonwealth all
8 sums paid out of the Treasury for the daily
9 compensation of such member. And for the
10 purposes of this act, all representative districis,
11 composed of more than one corporation, shall
12 be considered towns, under the name of the
13 corporation having the greatest number of rate-
14 able polls.

