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H. R...No. 15.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT,

In addition to the several acts relating to public worship, and religious freedom.

1 SEC. 1. **BE** it enacted by the Senate and House
2 of Representatives in General Court assembled,
3 and by the authority of the same, That from and
4 after the passing of this act, all real estate
5 leased to and in possession of any tenant or
6 tenants within this Commonwealth, who are
7 members of any parish or religious Society
8 within the same on the first day of May, shall

9 by the assessors of such parish or religious
 10 Society, be assessed to such tenant or tenants,
 11 and in no case to the landlord, in all taxes by
 12 them assessed for the support of public worship,
 13 and the charges incident thereto.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That every per-
 2 son, liable to taxation, who shall join him or
 3 herself to any parish or religious Society within
 4 this Commonwealth, shall be held to pay his or
 5 her portion of any tax which shall be assessed
 6 by said parish or religious Society within one
 7 year, next after he or she shall have become a
 8 member thereof, although such person, before
 9 the actual assessment of such tax, shall have
 10 joined him or herself to another parish or religi-
 11 ous Society.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That all existing
 2 laws or parts of laws, so far as they are incon-
 3 sistent with the provisions of this act be, and
 4 the same are hereby repealed.