
Accompanying the nineteenth recommendation of the State Tax Commission
(House, No. 105). Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF CERTIFICATES OF CHANGE
IN DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND OF OFFICERS OF BUSINESS
CORPORATIONS IN THE OFFICE OF THE STATE SECRETARY.

*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. Chapter 156 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 24 as appearing in the Ter-
3 centenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 24.* Whenever any change is made in the officers of a
6 corporation, except at the annual meeting, the corporation shall
7 forthwith prepare and submit to the commissioner a certificate
8 of such change, signed and sworn to by the clerk. The commis-
9 sioner shall examine such certificate and, if he finds that it
10 conforms to the requirements of this chapter, he shall endorse
11 his approval thereon and forward it to be filed in the office of
12 the state secretary, who shall receive and preserve it in book
13 form convenient for reference and open to public inspection.
14 Any corporation which omits to make and file a certificate as
15 aforesaid within thirty days after such change has been made,
16 or which fails to keep a clerk of the corporation in this common-
17 wealth, shall forfeit not more than five hundred dollars, to be
18 recovered in the manner prescribed by section fifty-two.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 156 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 29, as so appearing, and inserting in place
3 thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 29.* Whenever any change is made altering the date
5 fixed in the by-laws for the annual meeting of a corporation, the
6 corporation shall forthwith prepare and submit to the commis-
7 sioner a certificate of such change, signed and sworn to by the
8 clerk of the corporation. The commissioner shall examine such
9 certificate and if he finds that it conforms to the requirements of
10 this chapter, he shall endorse his approval thereon and forward
11 it to be filed in the office of the state secretary who shall receive
12 and preserve it in book form convenient for reference and open
13 to public inspection. Any corporation which omits to make and
14 file a certificate as aforesaid within thirty days after such a
15 change has been made, shall forfeit not more than one hundred
16 dollars, to be recovered in the manner prescribed by section
17 fifty-two.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on June first, nineteen
2 hundred and sixty-one and shall apply to all certificates of such
3 change due for filing and filed on or after that date, and to such
4 certificates as were required to have been filed prior to June first,
5 nineteen hundred and sixty-one, not having been filed prior
6 thereto.