

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 577.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Robert T. Swan. Probate and  
Insolvency.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To establish Seals in Cities and Towns.

*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. The city government of every city shall  
2 by ordinance establish a seal as the seal of the city, and  
3 designate the custodian thereof.

1 SECTION 2. The city government of every city shall  
2 provide seals for use by the several officers and boards  
3 of the city having need thereof, and every such seal shall  
4 bear a copy of the seal of the city and the title of the  
5 particular officer or board for whose use it is intended.  
6 The seal so provided for any officer or board shall, when-  
7 ever necessary or desirable, be affixed to any paper or  
8 document emanating therefrom.

1 SECTION 3. Within one year from the passage of this  
2 act every town shall, by such method as may be adopted  
3 in town meeting, establish a seal of the town, which seal  
4 shall be in the custody of the town clerk; and any paper  
5 or document emanating from any officer or board of a  
6 town shall, whenever necessary or desirable, be attested  
7 with the town seal.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter three hundred and eighty-nine  
2 of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-  
3 eight is hereby repealed.



