

HOUSE No. 94

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
BOSTON 33, December 4, 1945.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

In compliance with General Laws, chapter 30, section 33, as amended, I have the honor to submit herewith such portions of my annual report (Pub. Doc. No. 46) as embody recommendations for legislation, accompanied by drafts of bills to cover said recommendations.

F. W. COOK,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. General Laws, chapter 55, section 19, provides that whoever makes a statement of political expenses of candidates and committees shall make oath that it is in all respects correct and true. Inasmuch as it is often most inconvenient to find a justice of the peace or notary public, it is recommended that said section be amended to provide that all such statements shall be made under the penalties of perjury.

2. In 1944 a special act was enacted establishing the date for holding the biennial state primary in that year and for various other matters to facilitate voting by absent voting ballots by Massachusetts residents in the armed forces of the United States. It is recommended that an act be passed applicable to the state primary and election in 1946 concerning this matter, and a bill is submitted herewith. However, it is not possible at this time to definitely determine whether the various recommendations therein will be wholly applicable. Several bills are pending in the Congress of the United States upon which it is not expected hearings will be given until some time in 1946, and if Congress makes any radical change in the existing law concerning this subject, it may make further necessary changes in the recommendations submitted herewith.