

HOUSE No. 1456

Bill accompanying the petition of Jesse F. Stevens and another that the present organization of the First Corps of Cadets be changed. Military Affairs. March 23.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

To provide for the Reorganization of the First Corps of Cadets.

1 *Whereas*, There is immediate need of reorganizing the
2 military forces of the commonwealth, therefore, this act
3 is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for
4 the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*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 seventy-nine, Part I of chapter three hundred
2 and twenty-seven of the General Acts of nineteen hundred
3 and seventeen, is hereby amended by striking out the
4 first two sentences in said section, and substituting
5 therefor the following:—To the first corps of cadets
6 there shall be one lieutenant colonel and such other field,
7 staff and line officers, noncommissioned staff officers, non-

8 commissioned officers, musicians and privates as the
9 commander-in-chief shall deem expedient, not however
10 less in number or lower in rank than as from time to
11 time prescribed by law and regulations for a battalion of
12 infantry. The first corps of cadets shall be instructed,
13 armed and equipped as a divisional machine gun bat-
14 talion and shall receive the same compensation and
15 allowances as a battalion of infantry. It shall remain
16 unattached, subject only to the orders of the commander-
17 in-chief, except as provided in section twenty-six, — so
18 that said section as amended shall read: — *Section 79.*
19 To the first corps of cadets there shall be one lieutenant
20 colonel and such other field, staff and line officers, non-
21 commissioned staff officers, noncommissioned officers,
22 musicians and privates as the commander-in-chief shall
23 deem expedient, not however less in number or lower in
24 rank than as from time to time prescribed by law and
25 regulations for a battalion of infantry. The first corps
26 of cadets shall be instructed, armed and equipped as a
27 divisional machine gun battalion and shall receive the
28 same compensation and allowances as a battalion of
29 infantry. It shall remain unattached, subject only to
30 the orders of the commander-in-chief, except as provided
31 in section twenty-six. The second corps of cadets shall
32 be organized and equipped as a battalion of field artillery,
33 and may retain its name. It shall retain the right to
34 own and wear in place of such full dress uniform as may
35 be prescribed by orders or regulations for the militia, a
36 full dress uniform of special design such as may be by it
37 adopted and approved by the commander-in-chief.