

HOUSE No. 432.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Edward F. Johnson. Judiciary.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To authorize Trial Justices and Police, District and Municipal Courts to pay Reasonable Compensation to Experts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter three hundred and eighty-five of the acts of
2 the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby
3 amended so as to read as follows:—

4 Trial justices and police, district and municipal courts
5 are authorized to allow reasonable compensation to in-
6 terpreters, experts, and to witnesses from without the
7 Commonwealth in criminal proceedings before such courts
8 or trial justices. The compensation so allowed shall be
9 paid by the county in which such proceedings are had,
10 in the same manner as is now provided by law for the
11 payment of witness fees. The compensation so allowed
12 an expert shall not exceed ten dollars for one day's
13 attendance before such courts or trial justices.

