

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1294

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 1926.

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the special report of the Attorney General, supplementary to his annual report, relative to the administration of criminal justice in this commonwealth (House, No. 1186), report (in part) the accompanying bill (House, No. 1294).

For the committee,

LOUIS L. GREEN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Six

An Act relative to the Punishment for Non-Appearance of a Person duly summoned as a Witness in a Criminal Case.

*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 five of chapter two hundred and thirty-  
2 three of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
3 adding at the end thereof the following:—, or in  
4 case of such failure to attend as a witness in a  
5 criminal prosecution, by such fine not exceeding  
6 two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not  
7 more than one month or both,— so as to read as  
8 follows:— *Section 5.* Such failure to attend as a  
9 witness before a court, justice of the peace, master  
10 in chancery, master or auditor appointed by a  
11 court, or the county commissioners, shall also be  
12 a contempt of the court, and may be punished by  
13 a fine of not more than twenty dollars, or in case  
14 of such failure to attend as a witness in a criminal  
15 prosecution, by such fine not exceeding two hun-  
16 dred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than  
17 one month or both.



