

SENATE No. 315

To accompany the petition of Joseph R. Cotton and others members of the General Court for legislation to authorize the committees on Rules of the two branches to determine and establish the salaries of the clerks and assistant clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and their assistants. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

An Act relative to the Salaries of the Clerks and Assistant Clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives and to the Appointment and Salaries of Clerical Assistants of Said Clerks.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the im-
4 mediate 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 1. Chapter three of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section twelve, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following:—

5 *Section 12.* The clerk of the senate and the clerk
6 of the house of representatives shall each receive such
7 salary as may be established by the committee on rules

8 of the senate or the committee on rules of the house of
9 representatives, as the case may be, and each shall
10 hold office until his successor is qualified.

11 Salaries established under this section shall be for
12 the period of two years commencing January first of
13 the year in which established unless said committee
14 otherwise determines.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter three is hereby amended
2 by striking out section thirteen, as so appearing, and
3 inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 *Section 13.* The clerk of the senate, subject to the
5 approval of the senate, may appoint an assistant clerk
6 who, in the absence of the clerk, shall perform his duties
7 unless a temporary clerk is chosen, and a clerical
8 assistant, each at such salary as may be approved by
9 the committee on rules of the senate. Said clerk may
10 remove the assistant clerk and clerical assistant ap-
11 pointed by him.

12 The clerk of the house of representatives, subject
13 to the approval of the house, may appoint an assistant
14 clerk who, in the absence of the clerk, shall perform
15 his duties unless a temporary clerk is chosen, and a
16 clerical assistant, each at such salary as may be ap-
17 proved by the committee on rules of the house, and
18 may also employ such necessary additional clerical
19 assistance at such annual expense as may be approved
20 by said committee. Said clerk may remove the assist-
21 ant clerk, the clerical assistant and the additional
22 clerical assistance appointed by him.

23 Salaries established and approved under this section
24 shall be for the period of two years commencing on
25 January first of the year in which approved, unless
26 said committee otherwise determines.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter three hundred and twenty-
2 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-eight
3 and chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the acts
4 of nineteen hundred and thirty-two are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 4. Section three shall take effect as of
2 January first in the current year.

