

HOUSE.....No. 24.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 17, 1833.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to enquire into the expediency of providing by a general law for increasing the number of Engine Men.

ATTEST.

L. S. CUSHING, *Clerk.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JANUARY 29, 1833.

Ordered, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the exemption of Engine Men and Members of Fire Departments from the payment of Poll Taxes.

ATTEST.

L. S. CUSHING, *Clerk.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, FEBRUARY 2, 1833.

The Committee on the Judiciary to whom was referred two orders of the House relating to Engine Men, have considered the same and respectively Report a Bill.

Per Order,

GEORGE BLISS,

For the Committee.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred
and Thirty-Three.

AN ACT

To increase the number, and provide for the appointment
of Enginemen.

1 SEC. 1. **BE** *it enacted by the Senate and House of*
2 *Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the*
3 *authority of the same,* That the public fire engines in
4 the several towns in this Commonwealth, shall be
5 manned by the numbers, and in the manner herein-
6 after directed: To each common fire engine, there
7 shall be appointed a number not exceeding thirty
8 men; and to each hydraulion, or suction fire engine,
9 a number not exceeding forty-two men. And when-
10 ever said suction engines shall be suffered to go out

11 of repair, and remain so, and be used as common
12 engines only, the said number of forty-two men shall
13 be reduced to the number of thirty, herein prescribed
14 for common engines. And the mode of appointment,
15 duties, liabilities, privileges and exemptions of said
16 additional enginemen, shall be the same as those of
17 enginemen under existing laws.

1 SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That all persons duly
2 appointed enginemen for any public fire engine, with-
3 in the Commonwealth, and all persons duly appoint-
4 ed members of the fire department established in any
5 town, and who shall have done duty as such for the
6 space of one year prior to the first day of November
7 in each year, shall be entitled to receive from the
8 treasurers of their respective towns and cities, a sum
9 equal to the poll tax to the State, County and Town
10 (exclusive of highway taxes) which may have been
11 paid by such persons, or by their parents, masters or
12 guardians. And it shall be the duty of the chief en-
13 gineer, or such officer as holds, by law, the first office
14 in any fire department established as aforesaid, and
15 of the foreman or commanding officer of any public
16 fire engine, in any town where no fire department is
17 established by law, on or before the first day of No-
18 vember in each year, to make out and certify to the
19 assessors of each town, a list of all persons in their
20 department and companies respectively, who, through
21 the year preceding, have performed all the duties
22 therein required by law. And the assessors shall,
23 within ten days thereafter, examine said lists, and
24 certify to the treasurers of their respective towns, the
25 amount to be paid to each person named therein;
26 and the said treasurers shall, on request, pay the same

27 to the persons so named, or if minors, to their pa-
28 rents, masters or guardians: and upon refusal of any
29 such town so to pay, the persons entitled may severally
30 have an action for money had and received against
31 such town, to recover the same.

1 SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That if any chief
2 engineer, or other officer, required to make a certifi-
3 cate to the assessors, as herein provided, shall wil-
4 fully refuse to make such certificate, or shall wilfully
5 or fraudulently make a false certificate, he shall for-
6 feit and pay a sum not less than twenty nor more than
7 fifty dollars, to be recovered by indictment or infor-
8 mation, in any court proper to try the same, to the
9 use of the town in which the person in whose favor
10 such certificate ought to have been, or shall be, made,
11 was assessed.

1 SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the Statute of
2 eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, chapter one hun-
3 dred and ten, entitled "An Act to increase the num-
4 ber and provide for the appointment of enginemen,"
5 be, and the same is hereby repealed.

