

HOUSE No. 180

By Mr. Greene of Boston, petition of George Greene for legislation relative to a further stay of Judgment and execution in actions of summary process. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO A FURTHER STAY OF JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION IN ACTIONS OF SUMMARY PROCESS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend in part to defeat its purpose, which is to provide
3 the courts with further discretionary authority to pre-
4 vent serious hardships in eviction cases arising out of
5 the present severe housing shortage, therefore it is
6 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
7 for the immediate preservation of the welfare of the
8 public.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 43 of the acts of
2 1946, as amended by section 1 of chapter 78 of the acts
3 of 1947, is hereby further amended by striking out,
4 in line 5, the word "four" and inserting in place thereof
5 the word: — six, — so as to read as follows: — *Sec-*
6 *tion 1.* So long as this act continues in force, a stay
7 of judgment and execution may be granted under

8 sections nine to thirteen, inclusive, of chapter two hun-
9 dred and thirty-nine of the General Laws, for a period
10 not exceeding six months instead of one month as now
11 provided by section nine of said chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 43 is hereby further
2 amended by striking out section 2, as amended by
3 section 2 of said chapter 78, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following:—

5 *Section 2.* This act shall become inoperative on
6 March thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.