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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 29, 1948.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill permitting special justices of the municipal court of the city of Boston to sit in other district courts in certain cases (House, No. 1946), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill (House, No. 1995).

For the committee,

TALBOT T. TWEEDY.

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING JUSTICES AND SPECIAL JUSTICES OF ALL MUNICIPAL COURTS TO PERFORM EACH OTHER'S DUTIES WHEN NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT.

*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 40 of chapter 218 of the Gen-  
2 eral Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition,  
3 is hereby amended by striking out the third and  
4 fourth sentences and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following sentences: — Upon the death, resignation,  
6 absence or disability of the justice and special justices  
7 of a district court, except the municipal court of the  
8 city of Boston, a justice of any other district court  
9 except as aforesaid, or a special justice of any district  
10 court including said municipal court, at the request  
11 of the clerk, may for the time being have and exercise  
12 all the powers and duties of the justice. Justices and  
13 special justices of district courts, including the mu-  
14 nicipal court of the city of Boston, may perform each  
15 other's duties when necessary or convenient.

1 SECTION 2. Section 52 of said chapter 218, as so  
2 appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end  
3 the following sentence: — A special justice may also  
4 sit in district courts other than his own as provided  
5 by section forty.