

By Mr. Sala of North Adams, petition of Clinton J. Foster and others (county commissioners of Berkshire County) and others that said commissioners be authorized to join with the city of North Adams in providing adequate facilities for court and police purposes in said city. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO JOIN WITH THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS IN PROVIDING ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS AND FACILITIES FOR COURT AND POLICE PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

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. The county commissioners of Berkshire
2 county acting jointly with the city of North Adams,
3 are hereby authorized and directed to erect, equip and
4 maintain a building for the purpose of providing ade-
5 quate housing accommodations and facilities for the
6 district court of Northern Berkshire and for a police
7 station for the city of North Adams. The taking by
8 eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the
9 General Laws or the acquisition by purchase or
10 otherwise that may be necessary for the purposes of
11 this act shall be approved by the county commissioners
12 and the county commissioners are hereby authorized
13 to incur liabilities and to expend a sum not exceeding
14 ninety thousand dollars, which sum represents forty
15 per cent of the total cost of land, and the construction
16 and equipment of said building and upon the comple-
17 tion of said building shall, thereafter pay the city of
18 North Adams forty per cent of all maintenance costs.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose aforesaid the treasurer
2 of said county with the approval of the county com-
3 missioners, may borrow from time to time, within a
4 period of five years from the passage of this act, upon
5 the credit of the county such sums as may be neces-
6 sary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, ninety thousand
7 dollars and may issue bonds or notes of the county
8 therefor which shall bear on their face the words,
9 Berkshire County Court House Loan, Act of 1954.
10 Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan,
11 and such loans shall be payable not more than twenty
12 years from their dates. The bonds or notes shall be
13 signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by
14 a majority of the county commissioners. The county
15 may sell the said securities at public or private sale,
16 upon such terms and conditions as the county com-
17 missioners may deem proper, but not for less than
18 their par value. Indebtedness incurred hereunder
19 shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter
20 thirty-five of the General Laws. The county treas-
21 urer, with the approval of the county commissioners,
22 may issue temporary notes of the county, payable in
23 not more than one year from their date, in anticipa-
24 tion of the issue of serial bonds or notes under this
25 act, but the time within which such serial bonds or
26 notes shall become due and payable shall not, by
27 reason of such temporary notes, be extended beyond
28 the time fixed by this act. Any notes issued in antici-
29 pation of the serial bonds or notes shall be paid from
30 the proceeds thereof. Any sums received from the
31 sale of securities held in the post-war rehabilitation
32 fund established by chapter five of the acts of nineteen
33 hundred and forty-three, may be applied towards
34 payments either of the expenditures authorized by
35 section one of this act or of the principal of the bonds
36 or notes hereby authorized.

1 SECTION 3. For the purposes of this act the
2 treasurer of the city of North Adams shall act as

3 treasurer for said joint undertaking and shall hold
4 all funds and make all disbursements necessary to
5 carry out the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take full effect upon its
2 acceptance during the current year by the county
3 commissioners of Berkshire county, and by the city
4 council of North Adams subject to the provisions of
5 its charter.

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