

HOUSE No. 1913

By Mr. O'Connor of Springfield, petition of Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., relative to the admissibility in evidence of private conversations between husband and wife in proceedings concerning property. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ADMISSABILITY IN EVIDENCE OF
PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE
IN PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING PROPERTY.

*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 20 of chapter 233 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph,
3 as appearing in section 3 of chapter 657 of the acts of
4 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following
5 paragraph:—

6 First, except in a proceeding concerning property
7 to which husband and wife are adverse parties and
8 except in a proceeding under chapter two hundred
9 and seventy-three A, chapter two hundred and eight
10 and sections thirty-two, thirty-five and thirty-six of
11 chapter two hundred and nine and in a prosecution
12 begun under sections one to ten, inclusive, of chapter
13 two hundred and seventy-three, neither husband nor
14 wife shall testify as to private conversations with the
15 other.

