

HOUSE No. 308

By Mr. Kahalas of Boston, petition of Charles F. Gardella for legislation relative to venue in district courts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO VENUE IN THE DISTRICT COURTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 2
2 of chapter 223 of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by section 2 of chapter 616 of the acts of 1954,
4 is hereby further amended by inserting after the word
5 "lives" in lines 5 and 9, in each instance, the words: —
6 or has a usual place of business, — so as to read as fol-
7 lows: — An action of tort arising out of the ownership,
8 operation, maintenance, control or use of a motor vehicle
9 or trailer as defined in section one of chapter ninety shall
10 be brought in a district court within the judicial district
11 of which one of the parties lives or has a usual place of
12 business or in any district court the judicial district of
13 which adjoins and is in the same county as the judicial
14 district in which the defendant lives or has his usual
15 place of business; provided, that if one of the parties
16 to any such action lives or has a usual place of business
17 in Suffolk county such action may be brought in the
18 municipal court of the city of Boston.

