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By Mr. Lawless of Worcester, petition of John J. Lawless for legislation relative to appeals in certain proceedings in the probate court. Legal Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPEALS IN CERTAIN PROBATE PROCEEDINGS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend  
2 to defeat its purpose, which is to prevent parties in pro-  
3 bate proceedings from losing their rights of appeal be-  
4 cause of the lack of knowledge of the decision of the  
5 probate courts, therefore it is hereby declared to be an  
6 emergency law, necessary for the immediate preserva-  
7 tion of the public convenience.

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

1 Chapter 262 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended by section 1 of chapter 418 of the acts of  
3 1955, is hereby further amended by adding at the end  
4 of section 40 thereof the following paragraph: —  
5 Notwithstanding any provision of this section, the  
6 register of probate shall mail forthwith and without  
7 charge a certified copy of any will proved and of any  
8 order or decree of the court to counsel of record for all  
9 parties thereto, and if there be no such counsel of rec-  
10 ord for any party thereto, then also to such party or  
11 parties for whom no counsel appears of record.

