

To accompany the petition of John E. Shea, county commissioner, and Roger A. Sala that provision be made for adequate accommodations for the district court of Northern Berkshire in North Adams and the Berkshire County Court House and Hall of Records Building in the city of Pittsfield. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTHERN BERKSHIRE IN THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS AND FOR PROVIDING ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY COURT HOUSE AND HALL OF RECORDS BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD.

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. For the purposes of providing adequate
2 accommodations and facilities in and for the district
3 court of Northern Berkshire in the city of North Adams,
4 and the Berkshire county court house and hall of records
5 buildings in the city of Pittsfield, the county commis-
6 sioners of Berkshire county are authorized and directed
7 to cause certain work to be done by alteration, recon-
8 struction, construction, options to be executed, land
9 purchased, plans and specifications drawn, architect's
10 fees paid and any and all necessary work to be done to
11 erect and equip buildings for the purpose of providing
12 adequate accommodations and facilities for the above-
13 mentioned buildings.

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 necessary,
6 not exceeding, in the aggregate, five hundred thousand
7 dollars and may issue bonds or notes of the county
8 therefor which shall bear on their face the words, Berk-
9 shire County Court Houses Loan, Act of 1956. Each
10 authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and
11 such loans shall be payable not more than twenty years
12 from their dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed
13 by the county treasurer and countersigned by a ma-
14 jority of the county commissioners. The county may
15 sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon
16 such terms and conditions as the county commissioners
17 may deem proper, but not for less than their par value.
18 Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall, except as herein
19 provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the Gen-
20 eral Laws. The county treasurer, with the approval of
21 the county commissioners, may issue temporary notes
22 of the county, payable in not more than one year from
23 their date, in anticipation of the issue of serial bonds
24 or notes under this act, but the time within which such
25 serial bonds or notes shall become due and payable
26 shall not, by reason of such temporary notes, be extended
27 beyond the time fixed by this act. Any notes issued in
28 anticipation of the serial bonds or notes shall be paid
29 from the proceeds thereof. Any sums received from the
30 sale of securities held in the post-war rehabilitation fund
31 established by chapter five of the acts of nineteen hun-
32 dred and forty-three, may be applied to section one of
33 this act or of the principal of the bonds or notes hereby
34 authorized.