
To accompany the petition of John F. Shea and others for legislation to authorize the county of Berkshire to build and maintain a radio broadcasting system to aid in fire protection. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE OF A RADIO BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN THE COUNTY OF BERKSHIRE TO AID IN FIRE PROTECTION.

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. Subject to the availability of an appropriation,
2 the county commissioners of Berkshire county are hereby
3 authorized to expend such sums as may be necessary, not ex-
4 ceeding eight thousand dollars, for the establishment of a radio
5 broadcasting system to aid in the fire protection of said Berkshire
6 county. The portion of said radio broadcasting system and the
7 transmittal tower shall be installed and located in such area and
8 building in Berkshire county as the county commissioners and
9 Fire Chiefs Association of the county of Berkshire may designate.

1 SECTION 2. The system of radio broadcasting, authorized
2 to be established by section one of this act, shall be administered
3 and operated by the fire-fighting personnel of the city or town
4 as may be designated by the county commissioners, and the cost
5 of their services shall be borne by the city or town chosen.

1 SECTION 3. The county commissioners of Berkshire county
2 are hereby authorized to expend such other sums as may be
3 necessary, subject to an appropriation, for the maintenance and
4 operation of the aforesaid radio broadcasting system other than

5 personnel, and said expenses shall be assessed and collected
6 against the cities and towns of Berkshire county in the manner
7 provided by law for the assessment and collection of the county
8 tax.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

1 SECTION 5. Any and all funds appropriated by the count-
2 of Berkshire shall be matched by civil defense.