

SENATE No. 50

To accompany the petition of James M. Curley, mayor of Boston, relative to the disposition of fines and forfeitures imposed by the district court of Chelsea. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

An Act relative to Disposition of Fines and Forfeitures
Imposed by the District Court of Chelsea.

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. Chapter two hundred and eighty of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended in section two
3 by adding after the word "court" in the tenth line
4 the following words:—excepting the district court
5 of Chelsea,—and by adding after the word "com-
6 mitted" in the twelfth line the following words:—
7 and fines and forfeitures imposed in the district
8 court of Chelsea shall be paid to the collector of
9 Boston,—so that said section as amended shall
10 read:—*Section 2.* A fine or forfeiture imposed by
11 the superior court shall, except as otherwise pro-
12 vided, be paid over to the treasurer of the county
13 where the proceeding in which the fine or forfeiture
14 was imposed was tried, or in Suffolk county to the
15 collector of Boston, except that in cases appealed

16 from district courts or trial justices, in counties other
17 than Suffolk, the fine or forfeiture shall be paid into
18 the treasury of the county where it was imposed,
19 and the treasurer of said county shall pay to the
20 town where the offence was committed the costs as
21 certified by the clerk of the inferior court from which
22 the case was appealed. A fine or forfeiture imposed
23 by a district court excepting the district court of
24 Chelsea or trial justice shall, except as otherwise
25 provided, be paid to the town where the crime or
26 offence was committed and fines and forfeitures im-
27 posed in the district court of Chelsea shall be paid
28 to the collector of Boston. If the whole or any part
29 of a fine is by law payable to a complainant or in-
30 formant or to a person or corporation as beneficiary,
31 the court or trial justice may apportion the fine or
32 forfeiture between such complainant, informant or
33 other beneficiary and the county or town, respec-
34 tively. This section shall not apply to fees and fines
35 received under section thirty-four of chapter ninety.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

