

# SENATE . . . . No. 226

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To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts County Commissioners' and Sheriffs' Association, by Thomas J. Costello, secretary, that provision be made for the establishment of uniform forms of blanks and records for use in the district courts other than the municipal court of the city of Boston. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIFORM FORMS OF BLANKS AND RECORDS FOR USE IN THE DISTRICT COURTS OTHER THAN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND IN THE PROBATION OFFICES OF SUCH DISTRICT COURTS, AND IN THE OFFICES OF TRIAL JUSTICES.

*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. The first paragraph of section forty-  
2 three A of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the  
3 General Laws, as amended by chapter three hundred  
4 and twenty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and  
5 thirty-eight, is hereby further amended by striking  
6 out, in the eleventh and twelfth lines, the words  
7 "forms of blanks and records" and by inserting after  
8 the word "justices" in the thirteenth line the follow-  
9 ing new sentence:— The committee shall establish  
10 uniform forms of blanks and records used in district

11 courts other than the municipal court of the city of  
12 Boston, and in the offices of trial justices, — so as to  
13 read as follows:— There shall be an administrative  
14 committee of district courts, which shall consist of  
15 the three presiding justices for the time being desig-  
16 nated by the chief justice of the supreme judicial  
17 court under section one hundred and eight of chapter  
18 two hundred and thirty-one to act in the appellate  
19 districts of district courts, other than the municipal  
20 court of the city of Boston. The committee shall  
21 be authorized to visit any district court, other than  
22 the municipal court of the city of Boston, or any trial  
23 justice, as a committee or by sub-committee, to  
24 recommend uniform practices, and to superintend the  
25 keeping of records by clerks and by trial justices.  
26 The committee shall establish uniform forms of  
27 blanks and records used in district courts other than  
28 the municipal court of the city of Boston, and in the  
29 offices of trial justices.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-nine of said chapter  
2 two hundred and eighteen, as appearing in the Ter-  
3 centenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking  
4 out, in the fourth line, the words “blank books,  
5 blanks,” and by inserting after the word “justices”  
6 in the sixth line the following:— No forms of blanks  
7 and records other than those established under sec-  
8 tion forty-three A of this chapter shall be used in  
9 said district courts unless approved by the administra-  
10 tive committee of the district courts, — so as to read  
11 as follows:— *Section 39.* Justices and clerks of dis-  
12 trict courts, except the municipal court of the city of  
13 Boston, may procure all law books relating to the  
14 laws of the commonwealth, including the reports of

15 the supreme judicial court, the Massachusetts digests,  
16 all stationery and other incidentals required by said  
17 courts and approved by the justices. No forms of  
18 blanks and records other than those established under  
19 section forty-three A of this chapter shall be used in  
20 said district courts unless approved by the administra-  
21 tive committee of the district courts. The justice of a  
22 district court in any county other than Suffolk, the  
23 judicial district of which has a population exceeding  
24 one hundred and twenty thousand as ascertained by  
25 the last preceding national or state census and in  
26 which there is no county law library, may, with the  
27 approval of the county commissioners, procure other  
28 law books required by said court. The expenses  
29 thereof shall be certified by the justices monthly, and  
30 shall be transmitted to the county commissioners  
31 who shall audit the bills therefor and order payment  
32 thereof by the county.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter two hundred and seventy-  
2 six of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercente-  
3 nary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out  
4 section one hundred and two and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following: —

6 *Section 102.* The board of probation shall estab-  
7 lish uniform forms of blanks and records used in the  
8 probation offices of the district courts. No forms of  
9 blanks and records other than those established by  
10 said board shall be used in the probation offices unless  
11 approved by the board of probation.

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