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By Mr. Murphy of Peabody, petition of Francis E. Driscoll for increasing the authority of constables to serve civil process. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT INCREASING THE AUTHORITY OF CONSTABLES TO SERVE CIVIL PROCESS.

*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 92 of chapter 41 of the General Laws, as appearing  
2 in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking  
3 out, in lines 13 and 15, the word "three" and inserting in  
4 place thereof, in each instance, the word:— five, — so as to  
5 read as follows:— *Section 92.* A constable who has given  
6 bond to the town in a sum of not less than one thousand  
7 dollars, with sureties approved by the selectmen, conditioned  
8 for the faithful performance of his duties in the service of all  
9 civil processes committed to him, and has filed the same, with  
10 the approval of the selectmen endorsed thereon, with the  
11 town clerk, may within his town serve any writ or other proc-  
12 ess in a personal action in which the damages are not laid at  
13 a greater sum than two hundred dollars, and in replevin in  
14 which the subject matter does not exceed in value two hundred  
15 dollars, and any writ or other process under chapter two hun-  
16 dred and thirty-nine. A constable who has filed such bond,  
17 in a sum of not less than three thousand dollars may, within  
18 his town, also serve any such writ or other process in which  
19 the damages are laid at a sum not exceeding three thousand  
20 dollars, and any process in replevin in which the subject  
21 matter does not exceed in value five hundred dollars.

The Department of Agriculture

of the United States

The Department of Agriculture is pleased to announce that it has received a grant from the United States Department of the Interior for the purpose of conducting a study of the soil resources of the United States. The study will be conducted by the Bureau of Plant Industry, which is a part of the Department of Agriculture. The study will be conducted in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, which is a part of the United States Department of the Interior. The study will be conducted in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, which is a part of the United States Department of the Interior. The study will be conducted in cooperation with the Bureau of Land Management, which is a part of the United States Department of the Interior.