
By Mr. Saulnier of New Bedford, petition of Joseph D. Saulnier for requiring approval by the voters prior to appropriations for the construction of court houses, jails, houses of correction, reformatories or other county buildings. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING A COUNTY REFERENDUM TO AUTHORIZE
CERTAIN COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

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 14 of chapter 34 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 58 of the acts of 1947, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting after the first sentence the
4 following sentence:— In addition to the other requirements
5 in this section, no money shall be appropriated, no liability
6 shall be incurred and no item shall be contained in the county
7 budget for the erection or enlargement of a court house, jail,
8 house of correction or reformatory, or other necessary public
9 building, except for preliminary estimates of the probable and
10 reasonable cost thereof by three reputable and experienced
11 construction estimators, unless and until such project shall
12 have been approved by ballot of the voters of the county by a
13 majority vote at state biennial elections next following a
14 unanimous vote of the commissioners approving and recom-
15 mending such project and containing the average estimate of
16 its probable and reasonable cost.

10 Mr. Keating in New Bedford petition in favor of a law for requiring
approval by the voters prior to appropriations for the construction of roads
through public lands of correction, education or other county buildings
Committee

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen

AN ACT CONCERNING A COUNTY BUILDING FUND IN
CERTAIN COUNTY BUILDINGS

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,
as follows:

- 1 Section 14 of chapter 81 of the General Laws, as last
- 2 amended by chapter 25 of the acts of 1917, is hereby
- 3 further amended by inserting after the first sentence the
- 4 following sentence: - In addition to the other requirements
- 5 in the section no money shall be appropriated, no building
- 6 shall be purchased and no debt shall be contracted in the county
- 7 budget for the erection or enlargement of a court house and
- 8 house of correction or reformatory, or other necessary public
- 9 building, except the preliminary estimates of the probable and
- 10 reasonable cost thereof by three separate and approximate
- 11 preliminary estimates, which and with such project shall
- 12 have been approved by ballot of the voters of the county by a
- 13 majority vote at state general elections next following a
- 14 preliminary vote of the county voters approving and accept-
- 15 ing such plan project and containing the average estimate of
- 16 the probable and reasonable cost.