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By Mr. Murphy of Peabody, petition of John E. Murphy, Jr., that the Commonwealth assume the cost of county government. Counties.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

### AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMONWEALTH TO ASSUME THE COST OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

*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 35 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 30, as most recently amended  
3 by section 3 of chapter 158 of the acts of 1945, and inserting  
4 in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 30.* The commonwealth shall assume the entire cost  
6 of the operation of the several counties, including the payment  
7 of county debt and interest charges, and no county taxes shall  
8 be levied on the cities and towns of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section 31 of said chapter 35 is hereby re-  
2 pealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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