

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray and another that county sheriffs be authorized to designate, establish and maintain county correctional facilities. Counties.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT COUNTY SHERIFFS MAY DESIGNATE, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 126 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out section 16, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter  
3 219 of the acts of 1937, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following section:

5 *Section 16.* The Sheriff shall have custody and control of the  
6 jails in his county, and, except in Suffolk county, of the houses of  
7 correction therein, and of all prisoners committed thereto, and he  
8 shall designate, establish, maintain and administer such other  
9 county correctional facilities as he deems necessary. He shall keep  
10 the same himself or by his deputy as jailer, master or keeper and  
11 shall be responsible for them. The jailer, master or keeper shall  
12 appoint subordinate assistants, employees and officers, and shall  
13 be responsible for them. In Suffolk county the penal institutions  
14 commissioner shall appoint a master of the house of correction,  
15 who shall hold office during the pleasure of said commissioner. A  
16 sheriff, who acts as jailer, master or keeper, or a jailer, master or  
17 keeper appointed by the sheriff, before entering upon the  
18 performance of his duties as such, and thereafter, at intervals of  
19 not more than one year, so long as he continues so to act or to  
20 hold such office, as the case may be, shall give to the state  
21 treasurer a bond, with such sureties as the superior court shall  
22 order and approve, conditioned faithfully to perform his duties.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE

LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON THE 15TH DAY OF MARCH 1888

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