

HOUSE No. 3179

By Mr. Bevilacqua of Haverhill, petition of Francis J. Bevilacqua that provision be made for the Commonwealth to assume the cost of operation of county government. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE STATE ASSUMPTION OF THE COSTS 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 Notwithstanding any provisions of general or special law to the
2 contrary, effective January 1, 1973, the county commissioners
3 shall not levy a county tax nor shall they apportion and assess
4 county taxes among and upon the several towns but rather the
5 commissioners will compute the amounts which would otherwise
6 be the county tax and shall certify such amounts to the state
7 treasurer and in their warrants shall require the state treasurer to
8 pay from the general fund to the county treasurer the amounts so
9 assessed, at such times as shall be fixed in the warrant of the
10 commissioners.

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