

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3235**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 2, 1978.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred, under Rule 28 the House petition of John J. Pignatelli and others (county commissioners of Berkshire County) and another that said commissioners be authorized to have preliminary and final plans and specification made for the construction of a new jail and house of correction and sheriff's quarters for said county and to borrow money therefor, report recommending that Joint Rule 12 be suspended with reference thereto.

For the committees,

GEORGE KEVERIAN.

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By Mr. Duffin of Lenox, petition of John J. Pignatelli and others (county commissioners of Berkshire County) and another that said commissioners be authorized to have preliminary and final plans and specifications made for the construction of a new jail and house of correction and sheriff's quarters for said county and to borrow money therefor. Counties.

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### **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO HAVE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS MADE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND SHERIFF'S QUARTERS FOR SAID COUNTY AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREFOR.

*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. For the purpose of constructing a new jail, house  
2 of correction and sheriff's quarters in Berkshire County, the  
3 county commissioners of said county may erect on land acquired  
4 for such purpose, a suitable building or buildings and may  
5 originally equip and furnish the same.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes of section one, the county  
2 commissioners of Berkshire County are authorized to cause  
3 preliminary and final plans and specifications to be prepared for  
4 the construction of such facilities; provided, that the total cost of  
5 such preliminary plans and specifications shall not exceed one  
6 hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and provided, further, that  
7 such plans and specifications shall be so drawn that the total cost of  
8 the project, the preparation of plans and specifications and the  
9 construction and originally equipping of said facilities shall not  
10 exceed seven million three hundred thousand dollars. Any sums

11 received from the federal government for the purposes of this act  
12 shall be included in, and considered a part of, the total amount  
13 authorized hereunder.

1 SECTION 3. For the purposes set forth in section one, the  
2 treasurer of said county, with the approval of the county  
3 commissioners, may borrow upon the credit of the county such  
4 sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, seven  
5 million three hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or  
6 notes of the county therefor which shall bear on their face the  
7 words, Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction Construc-  
8 tion Loan, Act of 1978. Each authorized issue shall constitute a  
9 separate loan and such loans shall be payable in not more than  
10 twenty years from their dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed  
11 by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the  
12 county commissioners. The county may sell said securities at  
13 public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the county  
14 commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par  
15 value. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall, except as herein  
16 provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

