

By Ms. Melconian, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1523) of Linda J. Melconian for legislation to provide prompt financial assistance to the municipalities of Hampden County by repealing the county tax and to authorize the Hampden County Advisory Board to adopt an additional excise on deeds. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Nine.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE PROMPT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE MUNICIPALITIES OF HAMPDEN COUNTY BY REPEALING THE COUNTY TAX AND AUTHORIZING THE HAMPDEN COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO ADOPT AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE ON DEEDS.

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. The intent of this act is to repeal, in Hampden
2 County, the county tax apportioned and assessed upon the several
3 municipalities and to authorize the county of Hampden to adopt
4 an additional excise on deeds, instruments and writings.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty of chapter thirty-five of the
2 General Laws is amended by striking out in the first sentence
3 thereof the words: "except Suffolk and Nantucket" and inserting
4 in place thereof the words: "except Suffolk, Nantucket, and
5 Hampden".

1 SECTION 3. Section thirty-one of chapter thirty-five is
2 amended by striking out in the first sentence thereof the
3 words: "The county commissioners shall apportion and assess" and
4 inserting in place thereof the words: "The county commissioners
5 of each county except Hampden shall apportion and assess".

1 SECTION 4. In Hampden county, in addition to the excise
2 imposed on deeds, instruments, and writings pursuant to the

3 provisions of section twenty-three of chapter sixty-four D of the
4 General Laws and chapter five hundred and forty-six of the acts
5 of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine, the Hampden county advisory
6 board with the approval of the Hampden county commissioners
7 may adopt an additional excise on such deeds, instruments, and
8 writings filed with the register of deeds of said county at a rate
9 up to but not exceeding the rate imposed by the commonwealth
10 under such statutes. The revenue provided by this additional
11 excise shall be retained by Hampden county; provided, however,
12 that the provisions of section four of chapter sixty-two F of the
13 General Laws shall not apply to this section.

1 SECTION 5. Section 3 of chapter 64D as appearing in the 1986
2 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding after the last word
3 in line 14, the following language "The Registry of Deeds for
4 Hampden County shall sell such stamps at a cost of \$2.28 and
5 not more than \$12.28. Hampden County commissioners shall
6 have the authority to assess, for such stamps, a cost of \$2.28 and
7 not more than \$12.28 per thousand dollars. Additional revenues
8 generated as a result of this section shall be returned by Hampden
9 County.