

HOUSE No. 1351

By Mr. Morrill of Haverhill, petition of Charles H. Morrill for legislation relative to naturalization proceedings in certain district courts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS IN CERTAIN DISTRICT COURTS.

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 two hundred and twenty of
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
3 out section fifteen, as appearing in the Tercentenary
4 Edition, and inserting in place thereof the follow-
5 ing:—

6 *Section 15.* The supreme judicial court and the
7 superior court and the following district courts shall
8 have jurisdiction to naturalize aliens resident within
9 their respective judicial districts in the manner set
10 forth in the federal laws relative to naturalization:—

- 11 The district court of southern Berkshire.
- 12 The fourth district court of Bristol.
- 13 The central district court of northern Essex.
- 14 The district court of eastern Essex.

- 15 The district court of eastern Hampden.
- 16 The district court of western Hampden.
- 17 The district court of eastern Hampshire.
- 18 The first district court of northern Middlesex.
- 19 The district court of Marlborough.
- 20 The district court of Natick.
- 21 The first district court of southern Worcester.
- 22 The third district court of southern Worcester.

1 SECTION 2. Section eighteen of said chapter two
2 hundred and twenty, as so appearing, is hereby
3 amended by striking out, in the first line, the word
4 "superior", — so as to read as follows: — *Section 18.*
5 The court may authorize the execution and reception
6 by the clerk of the court of declarations of intention
7 in naturalization proceedings at such times as the
8 court by general order may direct.