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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, March 11, 1896.

The committee on Counties, to whom was referred the petitions of Charles H. Luce and others that the county seat of the county of Dukes County be removed from the town of Edgartown to the town of Tisbury, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

R. W. IRWIN.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-six.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Courts and Registry of Deeds in the  
County of Dukes County.

*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. On and after the first Monday of  
2 January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-  
3 seven, the courts now required to be held at  
4 Edgartown in the county of Dukes County, shall  
5 be held at the same times in Tisbury in said  
6 county, and all appeals, recognizances and pro-  
7 cesses which, before said date may be returnable  
8 to any of said courts at Edgartown, shall be  
9 returned to such court held at the same time at  
10 Tisbury.

1 SECT. 2. On and after the first Monday of  
2 January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-  
3 seven, the registry of deeds now located at

4 Edgartown shall be located at Tisbury in said  
5 county.

1 SECT. 3. The county commissioners of said  
2 county are hereby authorized and empowered to  
3 purchase a suitable site at Tisbury and to cause  
4 to be erected thereon suitable buildings for the  
5 registry of deeds and for the accommodation of  
6 said courts at an expense not exceeding in the  
7 aggregate sixteen thousand dollars.

1 SECT. 4. The said county commissioners are  
2 hereby authorized to sell the court house, registry  
3 of deeds and real estate connected therewith  
4 belonging to said county and situated in Edgartown  
5 upon such terms as the commissioners may  
6 determine to be for the interest of the county,  
7 and they shall apply the proceeds of such sale  
8 toward defraying the cost of the building author-  
9 ized by section three of this act.

1 SECT. 5. No contract shall be made for the  
2 construction and furnishing of said buildings  
3 until plans and estimates in detail have been pre-  
4 pared under the supervision of the county com-  
5 missioners, and such approval shall not be given  
6 unless said board is satisfied that the cost of  
7 the building and its furnishings, ready for use,  
8 will not exceed the amount of sixteen thousand  
9 dollars.

1 SECT. 6. The county commissioners, after said  
2 plans have been so approved, shall advertise for

3 proposals for said work. Such advertisements  
4 shall be published in all newspapers published in  
5 said county and in other newspapers, if said com-  
6 missioners deem it advisable, at least three suc-  
7 cessive weeks for at least two weeks successively  
8 prior to the time specified therein for opening said  
9 proposals. The contract for said work shall be  
10 awarded to the lowest bidder.

1     SECT. 7. In order to meet the expense incurred  
2 under this act, the county commissioners may  
3 issue coupon and registered bonds of said county  
4 to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate six-  
5 teen thousand dollars. Before issuing any such  
6 bonds, said commissioners shall advertise for pro-  
7 posals for the amount to be issued, in the same  
8 manner and way as set forth in section six of the  
9 act, and the bonds shall be sold to the highest  
10 bidder. The indebtedness incurred by said county  
11 shall be paid out of amounts received for taxes at  
12 the rate of one thousand dollars each year, com-  
13 mencing with the year eighteen hundred and  
14 ninety-seven, until the whole indebtedness is  
15 paid.

1     SECT. 8. This act shall be submitted to the  
2 voters of Dukes County, who shall vote "yes"  
3 and "no" upon the question of its acceptance, at  
4 the general election in November next, and shall  
5 take effect if at such election it is accepted by the  
6 affirmative votes of two-thirds of the voters vot-  
7 ing at said election. The vote shall be taken by

8 ballot in answer to the following question: Shall  
9 the act providing for the removal of the county  
10 seat from Edgartown to Tisbury, entitled an act  
11 relative to the courts and registry of  
12 deeds in the county of Dukes county, be  
13 accepted?

Yes.	
No.	





