

HOUSE No. 1282

Bill accompanying the petition of Daniel C. Manning and others for legislation to abolish the First District Court of Essex and to establish a new district court. Joint Judiciary. January 15

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

To abolish the First District Court of Essex and to establish the District Court of Central Essex.

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. That the first district court of Essex be
2 hereby abolished.

1 SECTION 2. That a court be hereby established in
2 Salem under the name of the district court of central
3 Essex of the district and territory now included in Salem,
4 Beverly, Danvers, Middleton and Topsfield, shall consti-
5 tute a judicial district under the jurisdiction of said
6 court.

1 SECTION 3. That the town of Peabody be hereby
2 annexed to and made a part of the judicial district of
3 the district court of central Essex for civil business, but
4 this act shall not affect the authority or jurisdiction of
5 the trial justice in the criminal cases where the crime is
6 committed in said town of Peabody and shall not affect

7 any suit or other proceeding now pending before the
8 trial justice in said Peabody.

1 SECTION 4. Said court shall have a proper seal and
2 shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction, except
3 in regard to the civil jurisdiction of Peabody referred to
4 above, as that heretofore possessed by the first district
5 court of Essex.

1 SECTION 5. All civil and criminal cases and proceed-
2 ings pending in or returnable to said first district court
3 of Essex when this act takes full effect shall be trans-
4 ferred or returned into said district court of central
5 Essex which shall thereafter have jurisdiction thereof.

1 SECTION 6. There shall be one justice and two special
2 justices and a clerk and assistant clerk of said court ap-
3 pointed in the manner and with the tenure of office re-
4 spectfully provided in the cases of justices and clerks
5 of other district courts. All the provisions of law appli-
6 cable in common to other district courts shall be appli-
7 cable to said court.

1 SECTION 7. The class of said court of the salaries of
2 the justice, special justices, and clerk and assistant clerk
3 shall be adjusted by the officer paying the salaries accord-
4 ing to the population, as ascertained by the last national
5 census, of the district of said court so as to correspond
6 with the classes and salaries provided for by chapter
7 four hundred and fifty-three of the acts of the year nine-
8 teen hundred and four and acts in amendment thereof
9 and in addition thereto, and the salaries shall be paid in
10 accordance with such adjustment from the first day this
11 act shall go into effect.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.