

Bill accompanying the petition of Charles P. Coughlan for a limitation of time of service of writs in actions of summary process. Joint Judiciary. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To limit the Time for Service of Writs in Actions of Summary Process.

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 two of chapter one hundred and eighty-one
2 of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by adding at the
3 end thereof the words:— and the writ shall be served
4 not less than three nor more than sixty days before the
5 return day, — so that said section shall read:— Such
6 person may take from a police, district or municipal
7 court, or from a trial justice, a writ in the form of an
8 original summons which shall summon the defendant
9 to answer to the complaint of the plaintiff, that the
10 defendant is in possession of the land or tenements in
11 question, describing them, which he holds unlawfully
12 and against the right of the plaintiff; and no other
13 declaration shall be required. The action shall be
14 brought in the county in which the lands or tenements
15 are situated and the writ shall be served not less than
16 three nor more than sixty days before the return day.

