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Bill accompanying the petition of Thomas S. Sullivan and others for the abolition of the First District Court of Essex and the establishment of a new court with a larger jurisdiction. Joint Judiciary. January 20.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

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### AN ACT

To abolish the First District Court of Essex and establish a New Court which shall Include the Cities of Salem and Beverly and Certain Towns.

*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 cities of Salem and Beverly, and the  
2 towns of Peabody, Lynnfield, Danvers, Middleton,  
3 Topsfield, Wenham, Hamilton and Manchester are here-  
4 by constituted a judicial district under the jurisdiction  
5 of a court to be known as the First District Court of  
6 Essex. Sessions of said court shall be held in the cities  
7 of Salem and Beverly, and the town of Peabody, at nine  
8 o'clock in the morning on every day except Sundays and  
9 legal holidays, for the transaction of criminal business,  
10 and on such days and places as may be fixed by rule of  
11 court for the trial of civil cases.

1 SECTION 2. There shall be a chief justice, two asso-  
2 ciate and two special justices, and a clerk of said court.  
3 The clerk of said court shall appoint three assistant  
4 clerks under existing laws, who shall have authority to  
5 receive complaints and issue warrants in criminal cases.  
6 One of said assistant clerks shall be a resident of Beverly  
7 and one a resident of the town of Peabody. All the  
8 provisions of law applicable to police and district courts  
9 shall apply to said court.

1 SECTION 3. The first session of said court shall be  
2 held on the first day of April, nineteen hundred and four-  
3 teen, but nothing contained in this act shall affect any  
4 suit or other proceedings begun or pending before the  
5 present First District Court of Essex, or the trial justice  
6 of Peabody, prior to the first day of April, nineteen  
7 hundred and fourteen.

1 SECTION 4. The chief justice of said court shall from  
2 time to time make such assignments for the attendance of  
3 a justice at the several times and places appointed for  
4 holding court, as will be most convenient to insure the  
5 prompt performance of its duties.

1 SECTION 5. The class of said court and the salaries of  
2 the chief justice and associate justices, which shall be  
3 the same as the chief justice, special justices, and clerk  
4 thereof shall be readjusted by the officer paying the  
5 salaries to correspond with the classes and salaries pro-  
6 vided for by chapter four hundred and fifty-three of the  
7 acts of the year nineteen hundred and four, and acts in  
8 amendment thereof and in addition thereto, which shall  
9 be paid from the date of the approval of this act.

1 SECTION 6. So much of this act as relates to the ap-  
2 pointment and qualification of the chief justice, associate  
3 justices, special justices and clerk of said court shall take  
4 effect upon its passage, and the remainder of this act  
5 shall take full effect on the first day of April, nineteen  
6 hundred and fourteen.

1 SECTION 7. The present First District Court of Essex  
2 and the office of the trial justice of Peabody are hereby  
3 abolished.

1 SECTION 8. All acts and part of acts inconsistent  
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

