

By Mr. Scibelli of Springfield, petition of Kent B. Smith and others for legislation to authorize the county commissioners of Hampden County to construct new buildings for the courts and various departments of said county. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMPDEN COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE COURTS AND THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE 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. For the purpose of providing new and adequate
2 accommodations and facilities for the Hampden County su-
3 perior court, Hampden County probate court, district court of
4 Springfield, registry of deeds and registry of probate, law li-
5 brary, and various county departments, the county commis-
6 sioners of Hampden county are hereby authorized to construct
7 on said county land, which land is bounded by Elm street and
8 State street in Springfield, and on which land is located pres-
9 ently, the Hampden County superior court, Hampden County
10 probate court and registry of deeds, and a building of said
11 county housing the county commissioners' office and various
12 departments of the county; a twelve story building to be known
13 as the Hall of Justice, and said building shall contain the Hamp-
14 den County superior court, Hampden County probate court,
15 district court of Springfield, registry of deeds, law library, and
16 various county departments and shall furnish and equip the
17 same. Said building shall contain all courtrooms and facilities
18 of the superior court, probate court, and district court of Spring-
19 field, the offices of the clerks of the superior court, probate
20 court and district court of Springfield, the offices of the prose-
21 cuting attorney of the district court of Springfield, the office
22 of the district attorney of Hampden county, the offices of the
23 probation officers of the district court of Springfield, and the
24 probation officers of the superior court, the mental health clinic

25 of the district court of Springfield, the law library, the offices of
26 the county commissioners and the offices of the county treasurer,
27 and offices of the various departments of the county and jury
28 rooms, conference rooms, the registry of deeds and a two level
29 underground parking area with accommodations for over four
30 hundred motor vehicles.

31 In order to carry out the provisions of the preceding para-
32 graph, the county commissioners are authorized to demolish
33 the present superior court building, the present building called
34 the Hall of Records and the present building which the county
35 commissioners purchased from the Springfield Institution for
36 Savings and which contains the county commissioners office
37 and the office of the county treasurer.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes set forth in section one, the
2 treasurer of Hampden county, with the approval of the county
3 commissioners, may borrow from time to time on the credit of
4 the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in
5 the aggregate, six million dollars, and may issue bonds or notes
6 of the county therefor which shall bear on their face the words,
7 Hampden County Hall of Justice Buildings Loan, Act of 1967.
8 Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such
9 loans shall be payable not more than thirty years from their
10 dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the county treas-
11 urer and counter-signed by a majority of the county commis-
12 sioners. The county may sell the said securities at public or
13 private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the county com-
14 missioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par
15 value. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall, except as
16 herein provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General
17 Laws. The county treasurer, with the approval of the county
18 commissioners, may issue temporary notes of the county, pay-
19 able in not more than one year from their date, in anticipation
20 of the issue of serial bonds or notes under this act, but the time
21 within which such serial bonds or notes shall become due and
22 payable shall not, by reason of such temporary notes, be ex-
23 tended beyond the time fixed by this act. Any notes issued in
24 anticipation of the serial bonds or notes shall be paid from the
25 proceeds thereof.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.