

HOUSE No. 2037

By Messrs. Sears of Boston, Frye of Boston and Linsky of Brookline, petition of John W. Sears, Maurice E. Frye, Jr., and Martin A. Linsky for legislation to restore jurisdiction of certain juvenile cases to the municipal court of the Roxbury district. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO RESTORE JURISDICTION OF CERTAIN JUVENILE CASES TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE ROXBURY DISTRICT.

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. Section 2 of chapter 76 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the third sentence, added by
3 section 1 of chapter 659 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:—The Boston juvenile
5 court shall have jurisdiction, concurrent with the municipal
6 court of the city of Boston, of complaints hereunder.

1 SECTION 2. Section 52 of chapter 119 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by striking out the definition of “court” as
3 added by section 2 of chapter 659 of the acts of 1965 and
4 inserting in place thereof the following definition:—“Court,”
5 the Boston juvenile court or a district court, except the
6 municipal court of the city of Boston.

1 SECTION 3. Section 63 of said chapter 119 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the last sentence as inserted by
3 section 3 of chapter 659 of the acts of 1965 and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:—The Boston juvenile
5 court shall have jurisdiction, concurrent with the municipal
6 court of the city of Boston, of complaints hereunder.

1 SECTION 4. Section 1 of chapter 218 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the seventh paragraph under
3 the caption "Suffolk", as inserted by section 4 of chapter 659
4 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the
5 following paragraph:—

6 The municipal court of the Roxbury district held at
7 Roxbury in Boston; wards nineteen, twenty, twenty-one and
8 twenty-two of Boston as they existed on February first,
9 eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

1 SECTION 5. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 57, as inserted by section 5 of chapter 659
3 of the acts of 1965 and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:—

5 *Section 57.* The Boston juvenile court, established by
6 section one of chapter four hundred and eighty-nine of the
7 acts of nineteen hundred and six, shall continue to have and
8 exercise jurisdiction within the same territorial limits as are
9 prescribed for the criminal jurisdiction of the municipal court
10 of the city of Boston.

1 SECTION 6. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 60, as inserted by section 6 of chapter 659
3 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:—

5 *Section 60.* Within the territorial limits prescribed in
6 section fifty-seven, said court shall have and exercise juris-
7 diction, exclusive of the municipal court of the city of Boston,
8 over cases of juvenile offenders under seventeen and cases of
9 neglected, wayward or delinquent children. Said court may
10 from time to time make general rules in reference to, and
11 provide forms of, procedure.

1 SECTION 7. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to
2 the contrary, the Boston juvenile court shall retain jurisdic-
3 tion of all cases of neglected, wayward or delinquent children
4 which are pending therein on the effective date of this act
5 and would under the provisions of this act be subject to the
6 jurisdiction of the municipal court of the Roxbury district,
7 until final disposition thereof.