

By Mr. Long of Fall River, petition of John J. Long and William Q. MacLean, Jr., that the clerk of courts, sheriff and register of probate in Bristol County be authorized to construct a new building for the courts and various departments of said county. Counties.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF COURTS, SHERIFF, AND REGISTER OF PROBATE OF BRISTOL COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT THE NEW BUILDING FOR THE COURTS AND VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF SAID 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 Chapter 393 of the acts of 1966 is hereby amended by strik-  
2 ing out sections 1 through 4, and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following sections:—

4 *Section 1.* For the purpose of providing new and adequate  
5 accommodations and facilities for the superior court, the  
6 probate court and various county departments, the clerk of  
7 courts, sheriff and register of probate of bristol county are  
8 hereby authorized to construct on a site to be selected by  
9 the clerk of courts, sheriff and register of probate a building  
10 to be known as the Bristol county court house and office build-  
11 ing, and shall furnish and equip the same. Said building  
12 shall contain court rooms and facilities for the superior court,  
13 the probate court and shall house the offices of the clerk of  
14 courts, the district attorney, the probation office, the mainte-  
15 nance department, the county treasurer and the county com-  
16 missioners, and shall contain the law library. Said clerk of  
17 courts, sheriff and register of probate may take by eminent  
18 domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or  
19 acquire by purchase or otherwise, any land that may be neces-  
20 sary for the purposes of this act, including a sufficient area

21 for parking of the motor vehicles of persons in attendance  
22 upon said court. Said clerk of courts, sheriff, and register of  
23 probate may expend for the purposes of this act including  
24 the preparation of plans and specifications, site survey/loca-  
25 tion planning fees, test borings, appraisal fees, eminent do-  
26 main acquisition fees, lease fees, purchase fees, option fees, and  
27 attorney fees in connection therewith and for landscaping  
28 such sums as may be necessary not exceeding, in the aggregate,  
29 two million five hundred thousand dollars. Any sums received  
30 from the federal government for the purpose of this act shall  
31 be included in, and considered a part of, the total amount au-  
32 thorized to be expended hereunder.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes set forth in section one, the  
2 treasurer of Bristol county, with the approval of the clerk of  
3 courts, sheriff and register of probate, may borrow from time  
4 to time on the credit of the county such sums as may be neces-  
5 sary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two million five hundred  
6 thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the county  
7 therefor which shall bear on their face the words, Bristol  
8 County Court House and Office Building Loan, Act of 1966.  
9 Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and  
10 such loans shall be payable not more than fifteen years from  
11 their dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the county  
12 treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the clerk of  
13 courts, sheriff and register of probate. The county may sell  
14 the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms  
15 and conditions as the clerk of courts, sheriff or register of  
16 probate may deem proper, but not for less than their par value.  
17 Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall, except as herein pro-  
18 vided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.  
19 The county treasurer, with the approval of the clerk of courts,  
20 sheriff and register of probate, may issue temporary notes of  
21 the county, payable in not more than one year from their  
22 date, in anticipation of the issue of serial bonds or notes under  
23 this act, but the time within which such serial bonds or notes  
24 shall become due and payable shall not, by reason of such  
25 temporary notes be extended beyond the time fixed by this  
26 act. Any notes issued in anticipation of the serial bonds or  
27 notes shall be paid from the proceeds thereof.

4 same, and the county commissioners are hereby authorized  
5 to utilize for county business all facilities vacated as the re-  
6 sult of the removal to said building of county offices as au-  
7 thorized by said section one; provided, however, in the event  
8 the county commissioners feel that the vacated facilities are  
9 not suitable for county business, they may sell said vacated  
10 premises at public or private sale or may demolish such facili-  
11 ties and make such use of the property, as in their opinion,  
12 is in the best interest of said county.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

