

By Mr. Frye of Boston, petition of John W. Sears and Maurice E. Frye, Jr., for legislation to establish a Suffolk County jail and courthouse district commission and authorizing it to borrow money for constructing and equipping a new county jail and expanded courtroom facilities for the Superior Court. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL AND COURTHOUSE DISTRICT COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING IT TO BORROW MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW COUNTY JAIL AND EXPANDED COURTROOM FACILITIES FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT.

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 a new jail in
2 Suffolk County, and for the purpose of providing new and
3 adequate accommodations and facilities for the superior court,
4 a Suffolk county jail and courthouse commission is hereby
5 established. The commission shall create plans for the con-
6 struction of a new Suffolk county jail and for suitable and
7 adequate facilities for the superior court. The commission is
8 hereby authorized to take by eminent domain under chapter
9 seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by purchase or
10 otherwise, any land that may be necessary for the purposes
11 of this act, including a sufficient area for the parking of the
12 motor vehicles of persons in attendance upon said jail and
13 courthouse. The commission shall include the mayor and city
14 councillors of Boston, the mayor of Revere, the mayor of Chel-
15 sea, and the chief selectman of Winthrop. The commission
16 shall be provided with an executive director and appropriate
17 staff by the county commissioners of Suffolk county. The
18 commission may expend for the purposes of this act includ-
19 ing the preparation of plans and specifications in connection

20 therewith and for landscaping, such sums as may be necessary,
21 not exceeding in the aggregate six million dollars. The treas-
22 urer of the commonwealth shall annually in October reim-
23 burse the commission fifty per cent of the amounts actually
24 expended by the commission for the financing of the con-
25 struction of said facilities during the commonwealth's pre-
26 ceding fiscal year. Any sums received from the Federal gov-
27 ernment for the purposes set forth in this act shall be included
28 in and considered a part of the total amount authorized to be
29 expended hereunder.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes aforesaid, the treasurer of
2 Suffolk county, with the approval of four-fifths of the total
3 membership of said commission, may borrow upon the credit
4 of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding
5 in the aggregate three million dollars, and may issue bonds
6 or notes of the county therefor, which shall bear on their face
7 the words Suffolk County Jail and Courthouse Loan Act of
8 1970. Interest and principal payments on such bonds shall be
9 a direct and general obligation upon the municipalities of
10 Suffolk county, and shall be borne in the following propor-
11 tions; eighty-eight per cent by the city of Boston; five per cent
12 by the city of Revere; four per cent by the city of Chelsea;
13 and three per cent by the town of Winthrop. Each authorized
14 issue shall constitute a separate loan and such loans shall be
15 payable not more than ten years from their date of issue.
16 The bonds or notes shall be signed by the county treasurer
17 and countersigned by four-fifths of the members of said com-
18 mission. The county may sell said securities at public or
19 private sale, upon such terms and commission may deem
20 proper, but not for less than their par value. Indebtedness
21 incurred hereunder shall, except as herein provided, be sub-
22 ject to chapter thirty-five of the Genral Laws.

1 SECTION 3. The county treasurer of Suffolk county, with
2 the approval of four-fifths of the members of said commission,
3 may issue temporary notes of the county, payable in not
4 more than one year from their dates, in anticipation of the
5 issuance of serial bonds or notes under this act, but the time

6 within which such serial bonds or notes shall become due and
7 payable shall not, by reason of such temporary notes, be ex-
8 tended beyond the time fixed by this act. Any notes issued
9 in anticipation of the serial bonds or notes shall be paid from
10 the proceeds thereof.

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

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