

HOUSE No. 4327

By Mr. Palumbo of Newbury, petition of Thomas G. Palumbo and others for legislation to speed up commencement of summary process actions. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SWIFTER COMMENCEMENT OF SUMMARY PROCESS ACTION.

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 186 Section 12 is hereby amended by striking the word
- 2 "fourteen" and substituting in its place the word "seven".
- 3 Chapter 186 Section 12 is further amended by adding: ()
- 4 service of the notice to quit for non-payment or a 30-day notice to
- 5 quit for possession can be served by (1) the owner of the property,
- 6 or his representative, accompanied by a witness, (2) any duly quali-
- 7 fied officer qualified to serve civil process. Service may be made in
- 8 hand, or last and usual, provided that if last and usual service is
- 9 made, a copy of the notice be mailed first class to tenant.

