

By Mr. Webber, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1031) of Peter C. Webber, Robert D. Wetmore, John W. Olover, Linda J. Melconian and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a Western Massachusetts Division of the Housing Court Department. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF THE HOUSING COURT DEPARTMENT.

*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 1 of chapter 185C of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by  
3 striking the words "Hampden county," and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following words:—

5 Western Massachusetts, consisting of the counties of Berkshire,  
6 Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire.

1 SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 185C of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in said 1984 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended in line 5 by striking the words "county of Hampden in  
4 the case of that division" and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following words:—

6 counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire in  
7 the case of the Western Massachusetts division.

1 SECTION 3. Said section 3 of said chapter 185C of the  
2 General Laws, as appearing in said 1984 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 further amended in line 26 by striking the words "Hampden  
4 county, in the case of that division" and inserting in place thereof  
5 the following words:—

6 Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties, in the  
7 case of the Western Massachusetts division.

1 SECTION 4. Section 4 of said chapter 185C of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in said 1984 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following paragraph:—

5 The division of the housing court department for Western  
6 Massachusetts shall hold its sittings in the court house facilities  
7 of the superior court department within Berkshire, Franklin,  
8 Hampden, and Hampshire counties and, with the consent of the  
9 chief administrative justice, such other court house facilities  
10 within said counties as the administrative justice of the housing  
11 court may deem to be expedient or convenient.

1 SECTION 5. Section 5 of said chapter 185C of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in said 1984 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended at the end thereof by adding the following paragraph:—

4 The Western Massachusetts division of the housing court shall  
5 be open for business in Hampden county as provided in the above  
6 paragraph. Business in Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire  
7 counties shall be conducted at the direction of the administrative  
8 justice of the housing court, provided that the court shall conduct  
9 business in each of those counties on at least one day in each week.

1 SECTION 6. Section 8 of said chapter 185C of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in said 1984 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by striking the first two sentences and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following sentences: —

5 There shall be two justices appointed for the Western  
6 Massachusetts division, one of whom shall preside over sessions  
7 held in Hampden county, the other of whom shall preside over  
8 sessions held in Berkshire, Franklin, and Hampshire counties in  
9 accordance with the provisions of section five and to preside over  
10 any other business of the housing court at the direction of the  
11 administrative justice of the housing court. In addition, there shall  
12 be one justice appointed for the Worcester county division and  
13 two justices appointed for the city of Boston division of the  
14 housing court department. The senior justice in time of service  
15 shall be the first justice of any division with more than one justice.

1 SECTION 7. Section 9 of said chapter 185C of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in said 1984 Official Edition, is hereby  
3 amended by striking the last sentence and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following sentence: —

5 The clerk appointed for the Western Massachusetts division  
6 shall reside in either Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden or Hampshire  
7 counties.

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