

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, Joseph M. Connolly and David P. Magnani for legislation to establish a housing court for Middlesex County. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A HOUSING COURT FOR MIDDLESEX 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 SECTION 1. The last sentence of 127G of chapter 111 of the
2 General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting after the word "Hampden" the
4 words: — "the housing court of the county of Middlesex.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 185C of the General Laws,
2 as amended by chapter 171 of the acts of 1985, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence: —

5 "The housing court department, established under section one of
6 chapter two hundred and eleven B, shall be composed of a division
7 for Hampden county; a division for Worcester county, including
8 the town of Bellingham in Norfolk county, a division for Mid-
9 dlesex county, and a division for the city of Boston."

1 SECTION 3. Section 3 of said chapter 185C, as appearing in
2 the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in line 5
3 of the first paragraph, after the phrase "the city of Boston in the
4 case of that division," the following phrase: —

5 "in the county of Middlesex in the case of that division,".

1 SECTION 4. Said Section 3 of said chapter 185C, as appearing
2 in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby further amended by insert-
3 ing, in line 26 of the first paragraph, after the phrase "in the city of

4 Boston, in the case of that division," the following phrase: —
5 "Middlesex county, in the case of that division,".

1 SECTION 5. Section 4 of said chapter 185C, as appearing in
2 the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 paragraph three the following paragraph: —

4 "The division of the housing court department for Middlesex
5 county shall hold its sittings in the superior court house facilities
6 located in the city of Cambridge, and, with the consent of the chief
7 administrative justice, such other court house facilities within said
8 county, as the administrative justice of the housing court depart-
9 ment may deem to be expedient or convenient, including the first
10 district court of Southern Middlesex county, in Framingham.".

1 SECTION 6. Section 8 of said chapter 185C, as appearing in the
2 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the
3 phrase "Hampden county division," in line 2 the following
4 phrase: —

5 "one justice appointed for the Middlesex county division,".

1 SECTION 7. Section 2 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the word "three" in line 2, and inserting in its place the
4 following word: —

5 "five".

1 SECTION 8. Section 86A of chapter 223 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word "Boston" in line 3, the following words: —
4 ", the housing court of the county of Middlesex,".

1 SECTION 9. Section 6 of chapter 224 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting, after the word "Boston" in line 12, the following
4 words: —

5 "the housing court of the county of Middlesex,".

1 SECTION 10. Section 111 of chapter 231 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the Official Edition, is hereby amended by insert-

3 ing, after the word "Boston" in line 2, the following words: —
4 "the housing court of the county of Middlesex,".

1 SECTION 11. Section 113 of chapter 231 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting
3 after word "Boston," in line 2, the following words: —
4 "the housing court of county of Middlesex,".

1 SECTION 12. Section 8 of chapter 261 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 inserting after the word "Boston," in line 2, the following words: —
4 "in the housing court of the county of Middlesex,".

1 SECTION 13. Section 4 of chapter 263 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting
3 after the word "Boston" in line 3 the following words: —
4 :the housing court of the county of Middlesex,".

1 SECTION 14. Said chapter 263 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 8A and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section: —
4 "A person shall not be held to answer in a district court or the
5 housing court of the city of Boston, the housing of the county of
6 Middlesex, the housing court of the county of Hampden, or the
7 housing of the county of Worcester to a second complaint for an
8 offense for which he has already been tried upon the merits in a
9 district court or in the housing court of the city of Boston, the
10 housing court of the county of Middlesex, the housing court of the
11 county of Hampden, or the housing court of the county of
12 Worcester."

