

By Mr. Scibelli of Springfield, petition of Anthony M. Scibelli and Athan Catjakis relative to establishing the Hampden County excise fund. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HAMPDEN COUNTY EXCISE FUND.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter sixty-
2 four D of the General Laws and chapter five hundred and forty-
3 six of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine the net proceeds
4 from the excise imposed upon deeds, instruments, and writings
5 in Hampden county shall on or before the last day of each calendar
6 quarter, be distributed by the state treasurer upon the certification
7 of the commissioner of revenue to the county of Hampden and
8 credited to the Excise Fund established in section two of this act.

9 The excise collected under this section shall be dedicated to the
10 county of Hampden on and after the first full calendar month
11 following the effective date of this act.

12 Said funds shall be used solely for the payment of all amounts
13 owed, together with interest, by said county to the county of
14 Hampshire for the housing of prisoners for fiscal years nineteen
15 hundred and seventy-five to nineteen hundred and eighty-five,
16 inclusive.

17 The dedication of the excise as provided in this section shall
18 cease and the obligation of the state treasurer to pay such excise
19 to the county of Hampden shall expire on December thirty-first
20 of nineteen hundred and eighty-nine or when all obligations of
21 said county to pay the county of Hampshire all amounts owed,
22 together with interest, for housing prisoners convicted in
23 Hampden county courts and incarcerated in the Hampshire
24 county house of correction for fiscal years nineteen hundred and

25 seventy-five to fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighty-five
26 inclusive, have been paid, whichever comes sooner.

1 SECTION 2. Not later than thirty days after the effective date
2 of this act, the treasurer of Hampden county shall set up on the
3 books of said county a separate fund entitled the Hampden
4 County Excise Fund. Said fund shall be maintained by the county
5 treasurer. All receipts from the excise established under section
6 one of this act shall be deposited in the excise fund. All amounts
7 so deposited shall be used solely to pay, without further
8 appropriation, all obligations of Hampden county owed to
9 Hampshire county as set out in section one of this act.

10 The excise fund shall be dissolved on December thirty-first,
11 nineteen hundred and eighty-nine or when all said obligations of
12 Hampden County to Hampshire County have been satisfied,
13 whichever comes sooner. Any balance remaining in the excise
14 fund on the date of dissolution shall be deposited with the state
15 treasurer in the General Fund.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.