

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1644**

By Mr. Larkin of Pittsfield, petition of Peter J. Larkin relative to the clarification of the fees of registers of deeds. Counties.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

**AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CLARIFICATION OF THE FEES OF REGISTERS OF DEEDS.**

1 *Whereas*, the deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose, which is to immediately provide adequate  
3 funding for the functions of the various registries of deeds and  
4 related services of the several counties, therefore it is hereby  
5 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate  
6 preservation of the public convenience.

*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 38 of chapter 262 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1981 Official Edition, as most recently  
3 amended by chapter 515 of the Acts of 1985, is hereby amended  
4 by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
5 the following: —

6 The fees of registers of deeds, except as otherwise provided, to  
7 be paid when the instrument is left for recording, filing, or deposit  
8 shall be twenty-five dollars for any papers, regardless of the  
9 number of pages, certifying the same on the original, and indexing  
10 it and for all other duties pertaining thereto, and for recording  
11 and filing any plan complying with the requirements of section  
12 13A of chapter 36 and indexing it and for all other duties  
13 pertaining thereto.

1 SECTION 2. Section 38 of chapter 262 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, as most recently

3 amended by chapter 515 of the Acts of 1985, is hereby further  
4 amended by striking out the fourth paragraph.

1 SECTION 3. Section 39 of chapter 262 of the General Laws,  
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, as most recently  
3 amended by chapter 206 of the Acts of 1988, is hereby further  
4 amended as follows: —

5 In the twelfth clause of the first paragraph, substituting “twenty-  
6 five” for “twenty”.

7 In the thirteenth clause of the first paragraph, substituting  
8 “twenty-five” for “twenty” and “twenty-five” for “three”.

9 In the fourteenth clause of the first paragraph, substituting  
10 “twenty-five” for “fifteen”.

11 In the fifteenth clause of the first paragraph, substituting  
12 “twenty-five” for “ten.”

13 In the sixteenth clause of the first paragraph, substituting  
14 “twenty-five” for “ten.”

15 In the nineteenth clause of the first paragraph, substituting  
16 “twenty-five” for “twenty” as it twice appears.

17 In the twentieth clause of the first paragraph, substituting  
18 “twenty-five for “twenty”.

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