

By Mr. McKenna of Springfield, petition of James D. Sloan and Arthur J. McKenna that the county commissioners of Hampden County be authorized to construct a new building for the courts and various departments of said county. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMPDEN COUNTY TO CONSTRUCT A NEW BUILDING FOR THE COURTS AND THE VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF THE 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. For the purpose of providing new and ade-
2 quate accommodtaions and facilities for the Hampden county
3 superior court, Hampden county probate court, district court
4 of Springfield, registry of deeds and registry of probate, law
5 library, and various county departments, the county commis-
6 sioners of Hampden county are hereby authorized to con-
7 struct and originally equip a building to be known as the Hall
8 of Justice, and said building shall contain the Hampden
9 county superior court, Hampden county probate court, dis-
10 trict court of Springfield, registry of deeds, law library, and
11 various county departments and shall furnish and equip the
12 same. Said building shall contain all courtrooms and facil-
13 ities of the superior court, probate court, and district court
14 of Springfield, the offices of the clerks of the superior court,
15 probate court and district court of Springfield, the offices of
16 the prosecuting attorney of the district court of Springfield,
17 the office of the district attorney of Hampden county, the
18 offices of the probation officers of the district court of Spring-
19 field, and the probation officers of the superior court, the
20 mental health clinic of the district court of Springfield, the
21 law library, the offices of the county commissioners and the
22 offices of the county treasurer, and offices of the various de-
23 partments of the county and jury rooms, conference rooms

24 and the registry of deeds.

25 Said commissioners may take by eminent domain under
26 chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by pur-
27 chase or otherwise, any land that may be necessary for the
28 purposes of this act, including a sufficient area for the park-
29 ing of the motor vehicles of persons in attendance upon said
30 court. Said commissioners may expend for the purposes of
31 this act, including the preparation of plans and specifications
32 in connection therewith and for landscaping, such sums as
33 may be necessary not exceeding, in the aggregate, ten million
34 dollars. Any sums received from the federal government for
35 the purposes of this act shall be included in, and considered a
36 part of, the total amount authorized to be expended here-
37 under.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes set forth in section one, the
2 treasurer of Hampden county, with the approval of the county
3 commissioners, may borrow from time to time on the credit
4 of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding,
5 in the aggregate, ten million dollars, and may issue bonds or
6 notes of the county therefor which shall bear on their face the
7 words, Hampden County Hall of Justice Buildings Loan, Act
8 of 1969. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate
9 loan, and such loans shall be payable not more than thirty
10 years from their dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed
11 by the county treasurer and counter-signed by a majority of
12 the county commissioners. The county may sell the said secu-
13 rities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions
14 as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for
15 less than their par value. Indebtedness incurred hereunder
16 shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter thirty-
17 five of the General Laws. The county treasurer, with the ap-
18 proval of the county commissioners, may issue temporary
19 notes of the county, payable in not more than one year from
20 their date, in anticipation of the issue of serial bonds or notes
21 under this act, but the time within which such serial bonds
22 or notes shall become due and payable shall not, by reason of
23 such temporary notes, be extended beyond the time fixed by
24 this act. Any notes issued in anticipation of the serial bonds
25 or notes shall be paid from the proceeds thereof.