

HOUSE No. 3358

By Mr. Golden of Framingham, petition of Albert W. Flynn, J. Laurence Golden and another for legislation to further regulate the inspection of petitions for adoption and records and papers in connection therewith. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE INSPECTION OF PETITIONS FOR ADOPTION AND RECORDS AND PAPERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 210 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 5C, as most recently amended by chapter
3 44 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 5C.* All petitions for adoption, all reports submitted
6 thereunder and all pleadings, papers or documents filed in
7 connection therewith, docket entries in the permanent docket
8 and record books shall not be available for inspection, unless a
9 judge of probate of the county where such records are kept,
10 for good cause shown, shall otherwise order. Such petitions,
11 reports, pleadings, papers, documents and permanent docket
12 and record books shall be segregated. A separate permanent
13 docket book shall be provided for all such entries. This section
14 shall apply to the index of the court of all such entries, a
15 separate index of which shall be provided.

The Constitution of the State

In the year of the Lord one thousand nine hundred and...

As the people of the State have adopted the Constitution...

It is enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives...

Section 1. The Legislature shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives...

Section 2. The Senate shall be composed of members chosen for terms of four years...

Section 3. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen for terms of two years...

Section 4. The Legislature shall assemble on the first Monday of January in each year...