

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2858

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By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to further regulate the Probate and Family Court Department of the Trial Court. The Judiciary.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT.

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

1 Any party to any action entered in any Division of the Probate  
2 and Family Court Department or their attorney shall have the  
3 right to file motions, contested and uncontested, during every  
4 business day in every session of that Court. When there is more  
5 than one Judge sitting in any Division of that Court, they shall  
6 share, as equally as possible, in the hearing of any such motions,  
7 contested and uncontested. Any party to any action entered in  
8 the Probate and Family Court Department or their attorney shall  
9 have the right to appear before a Justice of that Department before  
10 any Judgement or Order is issued in order that they may be  
11 afforded the opportunity to be heard. No policy, rule, or practice,  
12 shall be adopted in any Division of that Department which would  
13 deny any party or their attorney that basic right.

