

By Mr. Duffin of Lenox, petition of James A. Bowes and other (county commissioners of Berkshire County) that said commissioners be authorized to acquire the Berkshire Athenaeum located in the city of Pittsfield. Counties.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO ACQUIRE, BY PURCHASE OR EMINENT DOMAIN PROCEEDINGS, THE BERKSHIRE ATHENAEUM PROPERTY IN PITTSFIELD.

*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. The County Commissioners of Berkshire  
2 County are hereby authorized to acquire, by purchase or  
3 eminent domain proceedings, the Berkshire Athenaeum property  
4 located in Pittsfield in said Berkshire County for the purpose of  
5 remodeling the building on said premises and to use the same  
6 for the relocation of certain county facilities now in the main  
7 court house in Pittsfield but which are in need of additional  
8 space.

1 SECTION 2. For the foregoing purposes the said County  
2 Commissioners of Berkshire County are hereby authorized to  
3 borrow not more than \$ for the purpose of said  
4 acquisition and for the hiring of architects and engineers to  
5 develop plans for such remodeling and for the cost of having  
6 such work done. Any borrowing done under this act shall be for  
7 a period not exceeding twenty years and shall be on such terms  
8 as the County Treasurer with the approval of the County  
9 Commissioners may determine.

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

