

By Ms. Bunte of Boston, petition of Doris Bunte and Melvin H. King for legislation to restore the juvenile jurisdiction to the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RESTORING JUVENILE JURISDICTION TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE ROXBURY DISTRICT.

*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 2 of Chapter 76 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the third sentence, added by  
3 Section 1 of Chapter 659 of the Acts of 1965, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following sentence:— The Boston Juvenile  
5 Court shall have jurisdiction, concurrent with the Municipal  
6 Court of the City of Boston of complaints hereunder.

1 SECTION 2. Section 52 of Chapter 119 of the General Laws  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Court", as it  
3 there appears, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 definition:— "Court", the Boston Juvenile Court, the Worcester  
5 Juvenile Court, the Springfield Juvenile Court, the Bristol  
6 County Juvenile Court or a district court, except the Municipal  
7 Court of the City of Boston, the Central District Court of  
8 Worcester, the District Court of Springfield, the First District  
9 Court of Bristol, the Second District Court of Bristol, the Third  
10 District Court of Bristol and the Fourth District Court of  
11 Bristol.

1 SECTION 3. Section 63 of said Chapter 119 is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the last sentence, as appearing in  
3 Section 3 of Chapter 659 of the Acts of 1965, and inserting in

4 place thereof the following sentence: The Boston Juvenile  
5 Court shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the Municipal  
6 Court of the City of Boston of complaints hereunder.

1 SECTION 4. Section 1 of Chapter 218 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the seventh paragraph under the  
3 caption *Suffolk*, and inserting in place thereof the following  
4 paragraph:— The Municipal Court of the Roxbury District,  
5 held at Roxbury in Boston; wards nineteen, twenty, twenty-one  
6 and twenty-two of Boston as they existed on February first,  
7 Eighteen Hundred and Eighty-Two.

1 SECTION 5. Said Chapter 218 is further amended by  
2 striking out the first sentence of Section 57, as so appearing, and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The Boston  
4 Juvenile Court, established by Section One of Chapter four  
5 hundred and eighty-nine of the Acts of nineteen hundred and  
6 six, shall have and exercise jurisdiction within the same  
7 territorial limits as are prescribed for the criminal jurisdiction  
8 of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston.

1 SECTION 6. Notwithstanding any provision of this act to the  
2 contrary, the Boston Juvenile Court shall retain jurisdiction of  
3 all cases arising from wards nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, and  
4 twenty-two of Boston as they existed on February first, Eighteen  
5 Hundred and Eighty-two, which are pending therein on the  
6 effective date of this Act until final disposition thereof.