

HOUSE No. 618

Bill accompanying the petition of A. Franklin Priest for legislation to enlarge the criminal jurisdiction of police, district and municipal courts. Joint Judiciary. January 25.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To enlarge the Criminal Jurisdiction of Police, District and Municipal Courts.

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. Police, district and municipal courts shall
2 have original jurisdiction, concurrent with the superior
3 courts in their respective counties, of the crimes of
4 adultery, lewd and lascivious cohabitation, breaking and
5 entering and larceny in the daytime where the property
6 alleged to have been stolen is not alleged to exceed the
7 value of one hundred dollars, larceny in a building in
8 the daytime where the property alleged to have been
9 stolen is not alleged to exceed the value of one hundred
10 dollars, larceny from the person in the daytime where the

11 property alleged to have been stolen is not alleged to ex-
12 ceed the value of one hundred dollars, assault and battery
13 with a weapon dangerous to life where the court is satis-
14 fied that there was no intent to commit murder, rape or
15 robbery, and may impose the same penalties as the su-
16 perior court in like cases, except that said courts shall
17 not have authority to sentence to the state prison.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-six of chapter one hundred
2 and sixty of the Revised Laws is hereby repealed.

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