

HOUSE No. 1160

By Mr. McEvoy of Somerville, petition of Daniel F. O'Brien and other members of the General Court that the county commissioners of the county of Middlesex be authorized to provide adequate accommodations for the district court of Somerville. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE DISTRICT COURT OF SOMERVILLE AT SOMERVILLE.

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. For the purpose of providing adequate
2 courthouse accommodations and facilities for the
3 district court of Somerville, the county commissioners
4 of Middlesex county may construct and originally
5 furnish and equip a district courthouse at Somerville,
6 and, for the purpose of providing such accommodations
7 and facilities for the district court of Somerville, said
8 commissioners may take by eminent domain under
9 chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire
10 by purchase or otherwise, such land in Somerville
11 as may be necessary, and may erect on such land a
12 suitable building for said court and may equip and
13 furnish the same.

1 SECTION 2. In order to eliminate any land damages,
2 the city of Somerville and the county commissioners
3 are authorized to enter into negotiations with the
4 view to effectuate a mutually satisfactory arrange-
5 ment whereby there may be a conveyance by the
6 said city of Somerville to the county commissioners of
7 land between the high school and public library on
8 Highland avenue, sufficient, in the opinion of the
9 county commissioners, for a new courthouse with
10 parking facilities. The county commissioners in
11 turn are authorized to convey to the city of Somerville
12 the courthouse on Walnut street. Such exchange may
13 be made with the consent of both the county com-
14 missioners and the city of Somerville through its
15 mayor and board of aldermen. Title to the court-
16 house on Walnut street shall not pass to the city of
17 Somerville until the completion of the new court-
18 house on Highland avenue and its acceptance by the
19 county commissioners.

1 SECTION 3. For the purposes aforesaid, the treas-
2 urer of said county, with the approval of the county
3 commissioners, may borrow upon the credit of the
4 county, such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding,
5 in the aggregate, seven hundred and fifty thousand
6 dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the county
7 therefor, which shall bear on the face the words,
8 Middlesex County District Court House Loan, Act
9 of 1950. Each authorized issue shall constitute a
10 separate loan and such loans shall be payable not
11 more than ten years from their dates. The bonds or
12 notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and
13 countersigned by a majority of the county commis-
14 sioners. The county may sell the said securities at

15 public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions
16 as the county commissioners may deem proper, but
17 not for less than their par value. Indebtedness
18 incurred hereunder shall, except as herein provided,
19 be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 4. The county treasurer, with the ap-
2 proval of the county commissioners, may issue tem-
3 porary notes of the county, payable in not more than
4 one year from their dates, in anticipation of the issue
5 of serial bonds or notes under this act, but the time
6 within which such serial bonds or notes shall become
7 due and payable shall not, by reason of such tem-
8 porary notes, be extended beyond the time fixed by
9 this act. Any notes issue in anticipation of the serial
10 bonds or notes shall be paid from the proceeds thereof.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 acceptance during the current year by the county
3 commissioners of said county, but not othersiwe.

