

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of John F. Burke and Michael F. Flaherty relative to the responsibility of counties to provide court facilities for use by the judicial branch. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTIES
FOR THE PROVISION OF COURTHOUSES.

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 four of chapter twenty-nine A of the General Laws, as
2 amended by section forty-nine of chapter five hundred and
3 seventy-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and eighty, is hereby
4 amended by inserting the following paragraph after the first para-
5 graph of that section: —

6 *Section 1.* Unless the Commonwealth, pursuant to the provi-
7 sions of section five of this chapter, provides suitable courthouses
8 for the use of the judicial department by the acquisition of build-
9 ings formerly owned by a county, city or town, it shall be the
10 continuing responsibility of the counties and, in Suffolk County, of
11 the city of Boston to provide suitable courthouses for the use of the
12 judicial department.

