

## HOUSE . . . . No. 159.

---

### Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

---

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 13, 1876.

The Committee on the Judiciary, who were instructed by an Order of the House to consider what changes are necessary in the boundary lines of the districts of the several municipal courts within the city of Boston in consequence of the recent division of that city into new wards, and also with reference to the clerks of said courts, have considered the subject and respectfully report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

CHARLES HALE.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Six.

### AN ACT

Relating to the several Municipal Courts of the City  
of Boston.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1    SECT. 1.   The criminal and civil jurisdiction of  
2 the municipal court of the city of Boston shall  
3 embrace the district and territory included in  
4 wards six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve,  
5 sixteen, seventeen and eighteen of the city of  
6 Boston.

1    SECT. 2.   The criminal and civil jurisdiction of  
2 the municipal court of the East Boston district  
3 shall embrace the district and territory included  
4 in the town of Winthrop and in wards one and  
5 two of the city of Boston.

1    SECT. 3.   The criminal and civil jurisdiction of  
2 the municipal court of Charlestown district shall

3 embrace the district and territory included in  
4 wards three, four and five of the city of Boston.

1 SECT. 4. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of  
2 the municipal court of the South Boston district,  
3 shall embrace the district and territory included in  
4 wards thirteen, fourteen and fifteen of the city of  
5 Boston.

1 SECT. 5. The municipal court of the Highland  
2 district shall be hereafter called and known as the  
3 municipal court of the Roxbury district. The  
4 criminal and civil jurisdiction of said court shall  
5 embrace the district and territory included in  
6 wards nineteen, twenty and twenty-one of the city  
7 of Boston, and so much of ward twenty-two of  
8 said city as lies east of the eastern boundary  
9 between said ward and the town of Brookline,  
10 and of a line drawn through the centre of St.  
11 Mary's street extended.

1 SECT. 6. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of  
2 the municipal court of the Brighton district shall  
3 embrace the district and territory included in that  
4 part of ward twenty-two of the city of Boston  
5 which lies west of the eastern boundary between  
6 said ward and the town of Brookline, and of a  
7 line drawn through the centre of St. Mary's street  
8 extended.

1 SECT. 7. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of  
2 the municipal court of the West Roxbury district  
3 shall embrace the district and territory included in  
4 ward twenty-three of the city of Boston.

1     SECT. 8. The criminal and civil jurisdiction of  
2 the municipal court of the Dorchester district shall  
3 embrace the district and territory included in ward  
4 twenty-four of the city of Boston.

1     SECT. 9. So much of chapter two hundred and  
2 seventy-one of the acts of the year eighteen hun-  
3 dred and seventy-four as relates to the jurisdic-  
4 tion of the courts mentioned in this act is hereby  
5 repealed.

1     SECT. 10. The clerks of the courts mentioned  
2 in this act shall hold their several offices according  
3 to the terms of their respective commissions, unless  
4 sooner removed by the governor, by and with the  
5 advice and consent of the council. Whenever a  
6 vacancy may occur in either of said offices, by  
7 death, resignation, expiration of commission, re-  
8 moval as aforesaid, or otherwise, the vacancy  
9 shall be filled by appointment by the governor, by  
10 and with the advice and consent of the council,  
11 for the term of five years, subject to removal as  
12 aforesaid.

1     SECT. 11. This act shall take effect on the first  
2 day of May in the year eighteen hundred and  
3 seventy-six.