

HOUSE No. 306.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 29, 1876.

The Joint Special Committee on District Courts, to whom was referred the Order relative to the municipal courts within the city of Boston, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

A. E. PILLSBURY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To establish the Civil Jurisdiction of the several
Municipal Courts within 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 municipal court of the city of
2 Boston shall have original jurisdiction, exclusive
3 of the superior court in the county of Suffolk, of
4 all civil actions and proceedings (except where the
5 title to real estate is put in issue) wherein the
6 damages demanded, or the value of the property
7 alleged to be obtained, does not exceed three
8 hundred dollars, and one or more of the defendants,
9 or if suit is begun by trustee process, one or more
10 of the trustees, lives or has his usual place of
11 business in the city of Boston; and shall have con-
12 current jurisdiction with the superior court, of all
13 civil actions and proceedings wherein the damages
14 demanded, or the value of the property alleged to
15 be obtained, does not exceed five hundred dollars,

16 and one or more of the defendants, or if suit is
17 begun by trustee process, one or more of the
18 trustees, lives or has his usual place of business
19 in said city.

1 SECT. 2. The several municipal courts within
2 said city, other than the municipal court of the
3 city of Boston, shall have original jurisdiction
4 concurrent with said court, and exclusive of the
5 superior court in the county of Suffolk, of all civil
6 actions and proceedings (except when the title to
7 real estate is put in the issue) wherein the damages
8 demanded, or the value of the property alleged to
9 be obtained, does not exceed three hundred dollars,
10 and one or more of the defendants, or if suit is
11 begun by trustee process, one or more of the
12 trustees lives, or has his usual place of business
13 in the district of the court wherein the action or
14 proceeding is brought.

1 SECT. 3. The municipal court of the city of
2 Boston shall have original jurisdiction of proceed-
3 ings, under chapter one hundred and thirty-seven
4 of the General Statutes, when the premises are
5 situated in said city, and original jurisdiction con-
6 current with the superior court, of proceedings
7 under chapter one hundred and fifty of the General
8 Statutes, when the building or structure is situated
9 in said city, and the amount claimed does not ex-
10 ceed five hundred dollars; and the several muni-
11 cipal courts mentioned in section two, shall have
12 original jurisdiction concurrent with said municipal
13 court, and with the superior court, of such pro-
14 ceedings, when the premises are, or the buildings

15 or structure is, situated in the district of the court
16 wherein the proceeding is brought, and the amount
17 claimed does not exceed three hundred dollars.

1 SECT. 4. Chapter one hundred and six of the
2 acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five,
3 and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent here-
4 with, are hereby repealed; and nothing herein
5 shall be construed to revive any act, or part
6 thereof, heretofore repealed.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect on the first
2 day of May next, and shall not apply to actions or
3 proceedings then pending.