

By Mr. Cohen of Andover, petition of Gerald M. Cohen for legislation relative to the filing of complaints for divorce. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT AMENDING FILING OF COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

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 8 of Chapter 208 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by adding the following paragraph to said section:

3 No complaint for divorce shall be accepted for filing in a
4 registry of probate unless it discloses (a) whether either party is
5 presently receiving payment of benefits from the department of
6 public welfare, and, if so (b) whether or not either or both of the
7 parties own any interest in real estate.

8 If said complaint indicates either or both of the parties does
9 own any interest in real estate and that either or both are
10 receiving payment of benefits by the department of public
11 welfare, the complaint shall be referred forthwith to a judge of the
12 probate court who shall enter a temporary order, to be recorded
13 as lis pendens in the appropriate registry of deeds, that no deed,
14 mortgage, assignment or other transfer of said real estate shall be
15 recorded until the department of public welfare shall have been
16 reimbursed for all monies advanced by said department to
17 support either party or the children of said parties.

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 21, 1906.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE, FEBRUARY 1, 1897, CONCERNING THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES.

The following is a list of the lands belonging to the United States, as shown on the maps and reports of the General Land Office, for the year ending June 30, 1905. The lands are classified according to their location and ownership, and are listed in alphabetical order of the State or Territory in which they are situated. The total area of the lands is 1,234,567,890 acres.