

By Mr. Duffin of Lenox, petition of John J. Pignatelli that the county commissioners of Berkshire County be authorized to have preliminary and final plans and specifications made and to acquire land for the construction of a new jail and house of correction and sheriff's quarters for said county and to borrow money therefor. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO HAVE PRELIMINARY AND FINAL PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS MADE AND TO ACQUIRE LAND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND SHERIFF'S QUARTERS FOR SAID COUNTY AND TO BORROW MONEY THEREFOR.

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 constructing a new jail, house
2 of correction and sheriff's quarters in Berkshire County, the
3 county commissioners of said county may erect on land acquired
4 for such purpose, a suitable building or buildings, and may
5 originally equip and furnish the same.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes of section one, the county
2 commissioners of Berkshire County may take by eminent
3 domain, or acquire by purchase or otherwise any land and
4 buildings that may be necessary for said purposes. Said
5 commissioners are further authorized to cause preliminary and
6 final plans and specifications to be prepared for the construction
7 of such facilities; provided, that the total cost of such preliminary
8 plans and specifications shall not exceed one hundred and fifty
9 thousand dollars; and provided, further, that such plans and
10 specifications shall be so drawn that the total cost of the project,
11 including land acquisition, the preparation of plans and

12 specifications and the construction and originally equipping of
13 said facilities shall not exceed seven million five hundred
14 thousand dollars. Any sums received from the federal govern-
15 ment for the purposes of this act shall be included in, and
16 considered a part of, the total amount authorized hereunder.

1 SECTION 3. For the purposes set forth in section one, the
2 treasurer of said county with the approval of the county
3 commissioners, may borrow upon the credit of the county such
4 sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, seven
5 million five hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or
6 notes of the county therefor which shall bear on their face the
7 words, Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction Loan, Act
8 of 1977. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan
9 and such loans shall be payable in not more than twenty years
10 from their dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the county
11 treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the county
12 commissioners. The county may sell said securities at public or
13 private sale upon such terms and conditions as the county
14 commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par
15 value. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall, except as herein
16 provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.