

By Mr. George of Yarmouth, petition of Thomas N. George, Henri S. Rauschenbach, Shirley Gomes and Demetrius J. Atsalis for legislation to make certain changes in the Office of Register of Deeds in Barnstable County. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS OF BARNSTABLE COUNTY.

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. Subsection (b) of section 4-2 of Article 4 of
2 section 1 of chapter 163 of the acts of 1988 is hereby amended by
3 striking out paragraph 2 and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph:—

5 2. *Register of Deeds* — There shall be a register of deeds
6 elected as provided by law. The register of deeds shall have
7 general charge and superintendence of the Barnstable County reg-
8 istry of deeds and all of the books, records, deeds and other papers
9 belonging thereto. The register of deeds shall have all of the
10 powers and duties which are given to registers of deeds by the
11 General Laws and such other powers and duties as may be pro-
12 vided by county ordinance or administrative code.

1 SECTION 2. Section 10-5 of Article 10 of said section 1 of
2 said chapter 163 is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d)
3 (e) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:—

4 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of article 4 of this charter
5 the office of county treasurer shall not be filled by appointment
6 until the expiration of the term of office to be filled by another
7 election for such office next following the adoption of this
8 charter; provided, however, that if following such election a
9 vacancy shall occur in said office for any reason the provisions of

10 article 4 of this charter with respect to such office shall forthwith
11 take effect.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.