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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 19, 1888.

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of J. T. Clarkson and others and the petition of E. M. Morse and others that Amesbury, Salisbury and Merrimac may be made a judicial district with a court at Amesbury, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee, .

J. OTIS WARDWELL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-eight.

AN ACT

To establish the Second District Court of Essex.

*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. The towns of Amesbury and  
2 Merrimac shall constitute a judicial district under  
3 the jurisdiction of a court to be called the  
4 "Second District Court of Essex;" said court  
5 shall be held in the town of Amesbury.

1 SECT. 2. There shall be one justice and two  
2 special justices of said court, and the said justices  
3 herein provided for shall be appointed in the  
4 manner and with the tenure of office provided in  
5 the case of justices of other police and district  
6 courts. All the provisions of law applicable in  
7 common to police and district courts shall be  
8 applicable to said court.

1    SECT. 3. The said court shall be held daily  
2 except on Sundays and legal holidays for criminal  
3 business, and the return days for writs in civil  
4 actions shall be such days as shall be provided  
5 for by the rules of said court.

1    SECT. 4. The justice of said court shall receive  
2 from the county of Essex an annnal salary of  
3 twelve hundred dollars.

1    SECT. 5. When one of several defendants  
2 resides within said district the writ issued by said  
3 court may run into any county and be served on  
4 the other defendant or defendants fourteen days,  
5 at least, before its return day in like manner as if  
6 issued by the superior court.

1    SECT. 6. Said court shall have a seal.

1    SECT. 7. All proceedings duly commenced  
2 before any trial justice for said county within said  
3 district, or before any police, district or municipal  
4 court before this act takes full effect shall be pros-  
5 ecuted and determined as if this act had not been  
6 passed.

1    SECT. 8. This act shall take effect so far as  
2 relates to appointing, commissioning and qualify-  
3 ing the justice and special justices of said court  
4 on its passage, and shall take full effect on the  
5 first day of May next.

