

By Mr. Stoddart of Natick, petition of Douglas W. Stoddart relative to equity jurisdiction in the district courts. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO EQUITY JURISDICTION IN THE DISTRICT COURTS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

- 1 Chapter 214 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
- 2 out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following
- 3 section:—
- 4 Section 1. The supreme judicial, superior and district courts
- 5 shall have original and concurrent jurisdiction of all cases and
- 6 matters of equity cognizable under the general principles of equity
- 7 jurisprudence and, with reference thereto, shall be courts of
- 8 general equity jurisdiction; provided, however, that the superior
- 9 court shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of all actions in
- 10 which injunctive relief is sought in any matter involving or
- 11 growing out of a labor dispute as defined in section twenty C of
- 12 chapter one hundred and forty-nine.

