

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 26, 1997.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Executive Office of Public Safety (House, No. 173) as relates to clarifying the jurisdiction of the district court to adjudicate petitions for observation (accompanied by bill, House, No. 216), and on the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 298) of John C. Klimm relative to the fees of justices of the peace for performing marriages, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 531) of John A. Businger relative to the establishment of housing courts in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 723) of John C. Klimm relative to the bail magistrate authority of the clerk-magistrate of the Barnstable County/Plymouth Town Juvenile Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1167) of David Shorr for legislation to authorize the Supreme Judicial Court to designate a multi-part carbonized form for requests for default and default judgment, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1350) of Stephen B. Drobnis relative to the membership of the Judicial Conduct Commission, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1351) of Stephen B. Drobnis relative to regulating the discipline of judges, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1951) of Paul C. Demakis for legislation to further regulate small claims procedures in the district courts and the Boston Municipal Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2145) of Kevin G. Honan relative to the hours of business for the District Court Department of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3285) of Vincent F. Zarrilli for legislation to require the tabulation of cases heard by the Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3672) of Anthony M. Scibelli for legislation to increase to three thousand dollars the jurisdictional amount of small claims courts, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3855) of James H. Fagan relative to the admittance of attorneys to court facilities, and the petition (accompanied by order, House, No. 4168) of

Norman P. Paley for the appointment of a special committee of the House to make an investigation and study of the removal from office of a certain justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of the Commonwealth, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4629) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

JOHN H. ROGERS.

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

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1     *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be authorized to  
2 make an investigation and study of House documents numbered  
3 216, 298, 531, 723, 1167, 1350, 1351, 1951, 2145, 3285, 3672,  
4 3855 and 4168, relative to district court jurisdiction, justices of  
5 the peace, housing court judges, clerk-magistrates, court forms,  
6 judicial conduct, small claims and court administration.

7     Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of  
8 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,  
9 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-  
10 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the  
11 House on or before the last Wednesday in December, nineteen  
12 hundred and ninety-eight.

