

HOUSE No. 74.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Peter J. McGuire and others.
Probate and Insolvency.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To provide for the Erection of a Building for the Use of the
First District Court of Eastern Middlesex in the city of
Malden.

*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 county commissioners for the county
2 of Middlesex are hereby directed to erect a building in
3 the city of Malden for the use of the first district court
4 of Eastern Middlesex in said county and may take by
5 purchase or otherwise such land as may be necessary for
6 such purpose.

1 SECT. 2. Said county commissioners shall, within
2 sixty days after the taking of any land under this act,
3 otherwise than by purchase, file and cause to be recorded

4 in the registry of deeds for the southern district of said
5 county a description of such land sufficiently accurate for
6 identification, with a statement of the purpose for which
7 the same was taken, signed by said county commission-
8 ers ; and the title of the lands so taken shall vest in said
9 county in fee.

1 SECT. 3. Said county shall pay all damages sus-
2 tained by any persons in their property, by reason of
3 such taking, and if any person sustaining damage and
4 said commissioners fail to agree as to the amount of
5 damages, said person or said commissioners may, within
6 one year from such taking, file in the office of the clerk
7 of the superior court for said county of Middlesex, a
8 petition for a jury to determine such damages ; and there-
9 upon after such notice as said court shall order, the
10 damages shall be determined by a jury in said court, and
11 costs shall be taxed as in civil cases.

1 SECT. 4. The expense incurred for land and the
2 construction of said building and the furnishing thereof
3 ready for the use of said first district court of Eastern
4 Middlesex and of the offices incident thereto shall not
5 exceed the sum of fifty-five thousand dollars ; and no
6 contract shall be made for land, construction of the
7 building or the furnishings thereof until plans with
8 detailed estimates of cost from responsible parties who
9 are willing and prepared to furnish bonds with satis-
10 factory sureties for the actual performance of the work
11 and the furnishing of the materials for the amounts
12 specified in said estimates have been submitted to said
13 commissioners and approved by them.

1 SECT. 5. After said plans shall have been so
2 approved, the said commissioners shall advertise for

3 proposals for doing the work and furnishing the materials
4 required by such plans, but they shall have authority to
5 reject any and all bids, in which case they shall forthwith
6 advertise for new proposals.

1 SECT. 6. In order to meet the expenses incurred un-
2 der this act the said commissioners may issue coupon or
3 registered bonds of said county bearing interest at a rate
4 not exceeding four per centum per annum to an amount
5 not exceeding in the aggregate fifty-five thousand dollars.
6 Before issuing any such bonds said commissioners shall
7 advertise for proposals for the amount to be issued in two
8 daily newspapers of general circulation published in the
9 city of Boston, and the bonds shall be sold to the highest
10 responsible bidder, the said commissioners having the
11 authority to reject any and all bids, in which case said
12 commissioners shall forthwith advertise for new pro-
13 posals. The indebtedness so incurred by said county
14 shall be paid out of the amounts received for taxes at the
15 rate of five thousand dollars each year commencing with
16 the year eighteen hundred and ninety-nine until the
17 whole indebtedness is paid.

1 SECT. 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

