

HOUSE....No. 52.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 9th, 1853.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of John A. Knowles and others, for a new district in Middlesex for the registry of deeds, have considered the same, and report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

BENJ. F. BUTLER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-
Three.

AN ACT

To establish a Registry of Deeds for the Towns and City
in the North-eastern portion of the County of Middlesex.

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

1 SECT. 1. The city of Lowell, the towns of Dun-
2 stable, Tyngsborough, Dracut, Tewksbury, Billerica,
3 Chelmsford, Carlisle, Wilmington and Westford, in
4 the county of Middlesex, are hereby constituted a dis-
5 trict for the Registry of Deeds, which district shall be
6 known as the Northern District of Middlesex for
7 Registry of Deeds; and for all things relating to a
8 register and registry of deeds and other instruments,
9 shall be deemed to be a county, and all provisions of

10 law now existing concerning such office and officer,
11 shall apply to that office and officer in said district
12 excepting as is hereinafter provided, for the first ap-
13 pointment of register and for the term of his office,
14 and the office of the said register shall be kept in the
15 city of Lowell.

1 SECT. 2. The county commissioners of said county
2 of Middlesex, shall, on or before the first day of July
3 next, appoint some suitable person to be register of
4 deeds from the first day of July next, for said district,
5 until some person shall be chosen and qualified in the
6 manner hereinafter provided, which appointment shall
7 be made in the same manner, and with the same
8 effect, as an appointment of register of deeds may
9 now by law be made by said commissioners in case of
10 death, resignation, or removal of such register.

1 SECT. 3. The mayor and aldermen of said city, and
2 the selectmen of each of said towns, are hereby di-
3 rected to insert in the warrants calling meetings of
4 the inhabitants thereof, qualified to vote for senators
5 and representatives to general court on the second
6 Monday of November next, an article calling upon
7 such voters to bring in their votes for the election of
8 some person duly qualified by law to be register of
9 deeds for said northern district; and if no person shall
10 thereupon be elected, said commissioner shall issue the
11 notice for a new election and further proceed as is
12 provided by law.

1 SECT. 4. Said register, so chosen and qualified,
2 shall hold his office for the term of five years from the

4 annual meeting of said towns in the year eighteen
5 hundred and fifty-one, and until some other person is
6 chosen and qualified in his stead, subject, however, to
7 all the provisions of law now existing relating to the
8 office of register.

1 SECT. 5. All the towns and cities in said county of
2 Middlesex, not above named, are hereby also consti-
3 tuted a district for the registry of deeds, which district
4 shall be known as the Southern District of Middlesex
5 for the Registry of Deeds, and in all things relating
6 to the registry and register of deeds, and other instru-
7 ments, shall be deemed a county, and the present
8 register of deeds for said county of Middlesex shall
9 be register of the said last mentioned district for the
10 term for which he was elected, and until some other
11 person is chosen and qualified in his stead, under the
12 general provisions of law.

1 SECT. 6. The register of deeds for the Southern
2 District of Middlesex, shall, on demand, deliver at his
3 office to the custody of the register of deeds for the
4 Northern District of Middlesex, all the original deeds
5 and other instruments recorded and remaining in the
6 office of the former, conveying, or relating to land or
7 estates situate within the precinct of said last men-
8 tioned district.

1 SECT. 7. This act shall take effect from and after
2 the first Monday of July next, excepting as to the
3 appointment of register as is provided in the second
4 section hereof, for which purpose this act shall take
5 effect from and after the second Monday of June next.