

# SENATE . . . . No. 401

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, March 17, 1911.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the Report of the commission to investigate the causes of delay in the administration of justice in civil actions as does not relate to procedure in the courts, speedy trials of certain cases and to the trial of cases originating in the Land Court, report, in part, the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

WILMOT R. EVANS, JR.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

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### AN ACT

Relative to the Speedy Trial of Causes in the Superior Court  
for the County of Suffolk.

*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 twenty-five of chapter one hundred and fifty-  
2 seven of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by insert-  
3 ing after the word " July ", in the first line, the word: —  
4 and, — by striking out the words " and September ", in  
5 the first and second lines, — by striking out the words  
6 " which have been advanced for speedy trial according to  
7 law, of causes ", in the third and fourth lines, — by strik-  
8 ing out the words " originally commenced in the superior  
9 court in which the amount demanded or property claimed  
10 does not exceed in amount or value two thousand dollars ",  
11 in the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth lines, — by inserting  
12 after the word " contract ", in the fifth line, the words:  
13 — of actions alleged in the writ to be of contract or tort,  
14 — and by striking out the words " and, upon the applica-  
15 tion of either party, of actions in which a new trial by  
16 jury has been granted, or an auditor's report has been

17 filed", in the ninth, tenth and eleventh lines, — so as to  
18 read as follows:— *Section 25.* The court shall except  
19 in July and August hold a separate and continuous ses-  
20 sion so far as is practicable, in the county of Suffolk for  
21 the speedy trial of causes which have been entered in  
22 said court on appeal, of actions of contract, of actions  
23 alleged in the writ to be of contract or tort, of petitions  
24 to enforce liens under the provisions of chapter one hun-  
25 dred and ninety-seven, and of all other cases in which,  
26 in the opinion of a justice of said court, substantial justice  
27 and relief require a speedy trial. A trial list of such  
28 cases shall be made every month.

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