

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to prevent neglect in buildings occupied by the judicial branch and owned by counties, cities or towns. Counties.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

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**AN ACT TO PREVENT NEGLECT IN BUILDINGS OCCUPIED BY THE JUDICIAL BRANCH AND OWNED BY COUNTIES, CITIES OR TOWNS.**

1     *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose which is to prevent neglect and lack of necessary  
3 maintenance and repair in buildings occupied by the judicial  
4 branch and owned by counties, cities or towns, therefore, it is  
5 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the proper  
6 administration of justice and for the immediate preservation of the  
7 public convenience.

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

1     The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after Section  
2 4 of Chapter 29A, added by Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1978, the  
3 following: —

4     All quarters and space as are now occupied or may in the future  
5 be occupied by the judicial branch in buildings owned by a county,  
6 city or town shall be suitable for the judicial branch to adequately  
7 and properly administer justice. In the event that the Chief Admin-  
8 istrative Justice shall determine that the quarters or space as are  
9 now occupied or may in the future be occupied by the judicial  
10 branch in buildings owned by a county, city or town are unsuitable,  
11 the Chief Administrative Justice may require such county, city or  
12 town to renovate or repair such space, provide additional space, if  
13 available, and perform such related functions as may be necessary  
14 to provide suitable quarters or space for the proper and orderly  
15 administration of justice.

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