

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of W. Paul White relative to the continuing responsibility of counties for the operation of courthouses. Counties.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COUNTIES FOR THE PROVISION OF COURTHOUSES.

*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 four of chapter twenty-nine A of the General Laws, as  
2 inserted by section twelve of chapter four hundred and seventy-  
3 eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-eight, is hereby  
4 amended by inserting the following paragraph after the first para-  
5 graph of that section.

6 *Section 1.* Unless the commonwealth, pursuant to the provi-  
7 sions of section five of this chapter, provides suitable courthouses  
8 for the use of the judicial department by the acquisition of build-  
9 ings formerly owned by a county, city or town, it shall be the  
10 continuing responsibility of the counties and, in Suffolk County, of  
11 the city of Boston to provide suitable courthouses for the use of the  
12 judicial department.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 1

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All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

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Approved September 17, 1787