

**SENATE . . . . . No. 726**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the recording of judgments, decrees and orders of the Probate and Family Court.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 726) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation relative to probate and family court filings. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1650 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to the recording of judgments, decrees and orders of the Probate and Family Court.

*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. Section 36 of chapter 215 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 2006 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking Section 36 and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following section:— Judgments, decrees and orders of the probate and family court shall be  
4 in writing, and in contested cases or in cases wherein the court has reserved judgment, notices  
5 thereof shall be given by the registers to the attorneys of record, and in the absence of an attorney  
6 of record, to any party who has appeared personally and given his address. The registers shall  
7 record such judgments, decrees, orders and other proceedings in said courts and such  
8 instruments, as shall be determined by rules made from time to time under section thirty, by  
9 entering the same into the statewide electronic database as approved by the Administrative  
10 Office of the Trial Court. They may also direct the recording of any judgments, decrees, orders,

- 11 instruments and other proceedings in their offices, irrespective of the time when such judgments,
- 12 decrees, orders, instruments or other proceedings were made, received or held.