

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1420**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jay R. Kaufman*

*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 geographical jurisdiction of the housing court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2013</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>

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By Mr. Kaufman of Lexington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1420) of Jay R. Kaufman and Michael Barrett relative to the jurisdiction of the various divisions of the Housing Court Department. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 441 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the geographical jurisdiction of the housing 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 of chapter 185C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in the place thereof the  
3 following sentence:-- The housing court department, established under section 1 of chapter  
4 211B, shall be composed of a western division, consisting of the cities and towns of Berkshire,  
5 Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties; a division for Worcester county, including the town  
6 of Bellingham in Norfolk county, the city of Marlborough and the towns of Ashby, Hudson and  
7 Townsend in Middlesex county, and the jurisdiction known as Devens established under chapter  
8 498 of the acts of 1993; a northeastern division, including the cities and towns of Essex county  
9 and the city of Lowell and the towns of Acton, Ayer, Billerica, Boxborough, Carlisle,  
10 Chelmsford, Concord, Dracut, Dunstable, Groton, Lexington, Littleton, Maynard, Pepperell,  
11 Shirley, Stow, Tewksbury, Tyngsborough, and Westford in Middlesex county; a southeastern  
12 division, including the cities and towns of Bristol and Plymouth counties; and a division for the  
13 city of Boston.