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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Gale D. Candaras***

*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 to ensure access to the Hampden County courts in the city of Springfield.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Gale D. Candaras* | *First Hampden and Hampshire* |
| *James T. Welch* | *Hampden* |

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By Ms. Candaras, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Gale D. Candaras and James T. Welch for legislation to ensure access to the Hampden County courts in the city of Springfield . State Administration and Regulatory Oversight.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**

An Act to ensure access to the Hampden County courts in the city of Springfield.

*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the capital improvement needs of the commonwealth and to ensure that access to the courts is readily available to the citizens of the commonwealth, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

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

SECTION 1: The Department of Capital Asset and Management in consultation with the Chief Justice for Court Administration, the Court Administrator, the Secretary of Transportation, and the Senators and Representatives from the City of Springfield shall issue a report on the condition of the facilities of the Hampden County Court complex located in the City of Springfield; provided further that the report shall include, but not be limited to, the impact of the reconstruction of the Interstate 91 viaduct on public safety and public access to the court facilities, the damage the facilities sustained as a result of the 2011 tornado and the possibility of damage from proposed demolition and construction in the area, the cost of relocation, design and construction of a new court complex, provided further that the report shall include a plan for the temporary relocation of the courts and personnel during construction; provided further that the report be filed with the executive office for administration and finance, the house and senate committees on ways and means, and the joint committee on bonding, capital expenditures, and state assets, and provided further that the report shall be filed by January 31, 2014.