

HOUSE No. 5031

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 2, 2026.

The committee on The Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1941) of Adrienne Pusateri Ramos relative to the jurisdiction of the Housing Court, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5031) ought to pass.

For the committee,

MICHAEL S. DAY.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to housing court jurisdiction.

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 3 of chapter 185C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2024
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 through 9, inclusive, the words
3 "arising in the city of Boston in the case of that division, in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin,
4 Hampden and Hampshire in the case of the western division and within the cities and towns
5 included in the Worcester county division, northeastern division and southeastern division, in the
6 case of those divisions.".

7 SECTION 2. Said section 3 of said chapter 185C is hereby further amended by striking
8 out, in lines 34 through 38, inclusive, the words "the city of Boston, in the case of that division,
9 Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire counties, in the case of the western division and
10 within the cities and towns included in the Worcester county division, northeastern division and
11 southeastern division, in the case of".

12 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon passage.