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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Cynthia Stone 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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the jurisdiction of the Suffolk County Housing Court.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Cynthia Stone Creem | First Middlesex and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00855 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to the jurisdiction of the Suffolk County 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:*

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 185C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 13 and 14 the words “and a division for the city of Boston” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- and a division for Suffolk county.

SECTION 2.   Section 3 of said chapter 185C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line lines 4 and 32, the words “the city of Boston” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-Suffolk county.

SECTION 3.   Section 4 of said chapter 185C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 8, the words “the city of Boston” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-Suffolk county.

SECTION 4.  Said section 4 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 9, the words “Suffolk County courthouse” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-the Edward W. Brooke Courthouse.

SECTION 5.  Said section 4 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 11 the words “the city of Boston” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-Suffolk county.

SECTION 6.  Section 8 of said chapter 185C, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words “city of Boston” and inserting in place thereof the following:-Suffolk county.

SECTION 7.  Notwithstanding any general or special law or city ordinance to the contrary, whenever the words “city of Boston division of the housing court department” are used, such words shall refer to the Suffolk County division of the housing court department.