

HOUSE No. 1612

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

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 to promote the permanent placement of children with fit parents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Suffolk

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE PERMANENT PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH FIT PARENTS.

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 209C, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by striking paragraph (c) and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

3 (c) The juvenile court department shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the probate and
4 family court under this chapter, provided that actions brought under this chapter are joined or
5 consolidated with actions brought under section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and nineteen
6 and, provided further, that the action under section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and
7 nineteen is initiated before the filing of a complaint under this chapter.