

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1637**

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**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 relative to Probate and Family Court filings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Suffolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT FILINGS.

*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 36 of chapter 215 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition is  
2 hereby amended by striking Section 36 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—  
3 Judgments, decrees and orders of the probate and family courts shall be in writing, and in  
4 contested cases or in cases wherein the court has reserved judgment, notices thereof shall be  
5 given by the registers to the attorneys of record, and in the absence of an attorney of record, to  
6 any party who has appeared personally and given his address. The registers shall record such  
7 judgments, decrees, orders and other proceedings in said courts and such instruments, as shall be  
8 determined by rules made from time to time under section thirty, by entering the same into the  
9 statewide electronic database as approved by the Administrative Office of the Trial Court. They  
10 may also direct the recording of any judgments, decrees, orders, instruments and other  
11 proceedings in their offices, irrespective of the time when such judgments, decrees, orders,  
12 instruments or other proceedings were made, received or held.