

SENATE No. 753

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 relative to the recording of judgments, decrees and orders of the Probate and Family Court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cynthia S. Creem

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 753) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to record judgments, decrees and orders of the Probate and Family Court. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 704 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the recording of judgments, decrees and orders of the Probate and Family Court.

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 2012 Official Edition
2 is hereby amended by striking Section 36 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—
3 Judgments, decrees and orders of the probate and family court 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.