

SUMMARY OF NO. 25-31

This proposed law would establish a Right to Counsel program to provide legal representation in eviction or foreclosure proceedings to indigent tenants and certain indigent owner-occupants of residential properties.

The proposed law would provide legal representation in court or administrative eviction or foreclosure proceedings to indigent tenants or occupants of a leased residential property, as well as indigent owner-occupants of a single-family, two-family, or three-family home if that home is their sole residence and is in Massachusetts.

Under the proposed law, the Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services would be responsible for administering the Right to Counsel program, subject to appropriation.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.