

SENATE No. 261

To accompany the petition of Thomas F. Teehan for legislation relative to fixing the compensation of probation officers appointed for district courts other than those in Suffolk County. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF PROBATION OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR DISTRICT COURTS OTHER THAN THOSE IN SUFFOLK COUNTY.

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 eighty-three of chapter two hundred and
2 seventy-six of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter one hundred and eighty-six of
4 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, is
5 hereby further amended by striking out, in the twenty-
6 ninth line, the words "in Suffolk county", — an dby
7 striking out, in the thirty-third to thirty-sixth lines,
8 inclusive, the words "and in each other district court,
9 the justice thereof, subject to the approval of the
10 county commissioners, shall fix the compensation of
11 each probation officer appointed for such court;" —
12 so as to read as follows: — *Section 83.* The superior
13 court, the chief justice of the municipal court of the
14 city of Boston, subject to the approval of the asso-
15 ciate justices thereof, and the justice of each other
16 district court, with the written approval of the ad-

17 ministrative committee of the district courts, who shall
18 consult the board of probation relative thereto, and
19 the justice of the Boston juvenile court may appoint
20 such male and female probation officers as they may
21 respectively from time to time deem necessary for their
22 respective courts; and if there is more than one pro-
23 bation officer in one court, one of such officers may
24 be designated as chief probation officer. All officers
25 so appointed shall be removable for cause by the court
26 making the appointment; provided, that no officer
27 appointed by a justice of a district court other than
28 the municipal court of the city of Boston or by the
29 justice of the Boston juvenile court shall be removed
30 or discharged from office unless such removal or dis-
31 charge shall be approved in writing by the adminis-
32 trative committee of the district courts after consul-
33 tation with the board of probation relative thereto.
34 The compensation of each probation officer appointed
35 by the superior court shall be fixed by that court and
36 by it apportioned from time to time among the coun-
37 ties wherein said officer performs his duties. In the
38 municipal court of the city of Boston, the chief justice
39 of said court, subject to the approval of the associate
40 justices thereof, shall fix the compensation of each
41 probation officer appointed for such court; in each
42 other district court and in the Boston juvenile court,
43 the justice thereof, subject to the approval of the
44 administrative committee of the district courts, shall
45 fix the compensation for each probation officer ap-
46 pointed for such court; and such compensation shall
47 be paid by the county on vouchers approved respec-
48 tively by the chief justice of the municipal court of
49 the city of Boston or by the justice of such other dis-
50 trict court or juvenile court.