

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any provisions of this act to the contrary the provisions of sections seventy-seven A and seventy-eight of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall remain in effect and apply to appointments to the offices referred to therein which are made on or after August first, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-eight.

*Approved October 21, 1958.*

CHAP. 676. AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COURT OFFICERS WHO MAY BE APPOINTED IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 70 of chapter 221 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph, as appearing in chapter 697 of the acts of 1957, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

For Middlesex, not exceeding four for each session for civil business held with juries; three for each session held without juries, and six for the session for criminal business, who shall, when required by the sheriff, attend the sessions of the supreme judicial or probate court when not in attendance on the superior court.

*Approved October 21, 1958.*

CHAP. 677. AN ACT LIBERALIZING THE ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYMENT SECURITY LAW AND PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN PERSONS WHO LEAVE THEIR WORK SHALL NOT BE DISQUALIFIED FROM RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER SAID LAW.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 25 of chapter 151A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection (e), as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 719 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following subsection: — (e) A period of four to ten weeks, as the director shall determine, after the effective date of his claim if an individual has left his work (1) voluntarily without good cause, (2) by discharge shown to the satisfaction of the director to be attributable solely to deliberate misconduct in wilful disregard of the employing unit's interest, or (3) because of conviction of a felony or misdemeanor; provided, however, that if the individual had new work subsequent to such leaving, the number of weeks determined by the director as the period during which no waiting period shall be allowed and no benefits paid shall be reduced by the number of weeks of such new work. No disqualification shall be imposed, if such individual establishes to the satisfaction of the director that he left his employment in good faith to accept new employment on a permanent full-time basis, and that he became separated from such new employment for good cause attributable to the new employing unit. An individual shall not be disqualified under the provisions of this subsection from receiving benefits by reason of leaving his work under the terms of a pension program requiring retirement from employment, notwithstanding his prior assent, direct or indirect, to the establishment of such pension program.

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