

*Ch.* 338. AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARIES OF THE JUSTICE AND CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE DORCHESTER DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Salaries of justice and clerk.

The annual salaries of the justice and clerk of the municipal court of the Dorchester district in the city of Boston shall be sixteen hundred dollars and one thousand dollars respectively commencing on the first day of July next.

*Approved June 18, 1874.*

*Ch.* 339. AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE MORE SPEEDY AND CONVENIENT ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE COUNTIES OF BERKSHIRE, FRANKLIN, HAMPSHIRE AND HAMPDEN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Probate appeals in four western counties.

SECTION 1. For the hearing of probate appeals in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, and of all matters pending in said counties in equity and otherwise which may be heard and determined at chambers, one of the justices of the supreme judicial court shall attend at the court house in Springfield on the first Monday of February, June, August and December, and from day to day thereafter as the state of business may require, and the said justice may by rescript certify to the respective clerks of the courts for said counties, any orders or decrees made by him in said matters, which when received and entered upon the proper docket shall have the same effect, as if made at an established term of the court for said county.

Hearing may be had at any time after the rule day at which appeal was entered.

SECTION 2. At any time after the rule day at which any probate appeal may be entered in said court for either of said counties, the said appeal shall be deemed ready for a hearing and may be heard before the justice holding session at Springfield as above provided, unless there shall be an order for a jury.

Trials by jury in equity suit or probate appeal.

SECTION 3. Whenever in any equity suit or probate appeal pending in any county in this Commonwealth, an issue shall arise properly triable by a jury, and the regular term for such trial shall not fall within three months from the making up of such issue, it shall be competent for any justice of the supreme judicial court in term or at chambers, to order the clerk of said court for the county where the cause is pending, to summon a jury in the ordinary manner to try any issue which may be embraced in said order, and the procedure at said trial, shall be in all respects the same as if had at a regular term of