

HOUSE No. 1984

By Mr. Jordan of Revere, petition of John F. Gilmore relative to probation officers of the municipal court of the city of Boston, of other district courts in Suffolk County and of the Boston Juvenile Court. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Eight.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROBATION OFFICERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, OF THE OTHER DISTRICT COURTS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY AND OF THE BOSTON JUVENILE 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 Chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 83, as amended, and inserting
3 in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 83.* The superior court, the chief justice of
5 the municipal court of the city of Boston, subject to
6 the approval of the associate justices thereof, and the
7 justice of each other district court, with the written
8 approval of the administrative committee of the dis-
9 trict courts, who shall consult the board of probation
10 relative thereto, may appoint such male and female
11 probation officers as they may respectively from time
12 to time deem necessary for their respective courts;

13 and if there is more than one probation officer in one
14 court, one of such officers may be designated chief
15 probation officer. All officers so appointed shall be
16 removable for cause by the court making the appoint-
17 ment; provided, that no officer appointed by a jus-
18 tice of a district court shall be discharged or removed
19 from office unless such discharge or removal shall be
20 approved in writing by the administrative committee
21 of the district courts after consultation with the board
22 of probation. The compensation of each probation
23 officer appointed by the superior court shall be fixed
24 by that court and by it apportioned from time to time
25 among the counties wherein said officer performs his
26 duties. In the municipal court of the city of Boston
27 the justices of said court, subject to the approval of
28 the justices of the supreme judicial court, shall fix
29 the compensation of each probation officer appointed
30 for such court; in each other district court in Suffolk
31 county and in the Boston juvenile court, the justice
32 thereof, subject to the approval of the administrative
33 committee of the district courts, shall fix the compen-
34 sation for each probation officer appointed for such
35 court; and in each other district court the justice
36 thereof, subject to the approval of the county com-
37 missioners, shall fix the compensation of each proba-
38 tion officer appointed for such court. Compensation
39 provided for in this section shall be paid by the county
40 on vouchers approved respectively by the chief justice
41 of the municipal court of the city of Boston or by the
42 justice of each other district court or of the Boston
43 juvenile court.