

By Mr. Coltun of Chelsea, petition of Harry Coltun and another that justices of district courts be authorized to sit in the Superior Court in certain civil or criminal cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR JUSTICES OF CERTAIN DISTRICT COURTS TO SIT IN SUPERIOR COURT AT TRIAL OR DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN CIVIL OR CRIMINAL CASES.

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 212 of the General Laws, is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 14B, inserted by section 1 of
3 chapter 210 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 14B.* A justice of a district court, except
6 the municipal court of the city of Boston, shall, at
7 the written request of the chief justice of the superior
8 court, sit in the superior court at the trial or dis-
9 position with or without a jury in any part of the
10 commonwealth of motor vehicle tort cases or of any
11 violation of a by-law, order, ordinance, rule or regu-
12 lation made by a city or town or public officer or of
13 any misdemeanor except conspiracy or libel, and
14 during the continuance of such request shall have
15 and exercise all the powers and duties which a justice
16 of the superior court has and may exercise in the
17 trial and disposition of such cases; provided, that no
18 special justice of a district court shall so sit and that
19 no justice so sitting shall act in a case in which he
20 has either sat or held an inquest in the district court
21 or otherwise has an interest.

The Constitution of the State

Article I. The Legislative Department

Section 1. The legislative power shall be vested in a Senate and House of Representatives, which together shall constitute the Legislature of this State.

Section 2. The Senate shall be composed of members chosen for terms of four years, one-half of whom shall be chosen in each year. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen for terms of two years, one-third of whom shall be chosen in each year. The Legislature shall assemble on the first Monday in January of each year, and shall continue its session until the first Monday in March of the following year.