
By Mr. Chapman of Boston, petition of John B. Hynes (mayor of Boston) for legislation to increase the fees of clerks of courts and clerks of district courts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT INCREASING THE FEES OF CLERKS OF COURTS AND CLERKS OF DISTRICT COURTS IN CERTAIN 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 SECTION 1. Section 22 of chapter 218 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as amended by chapter 310 of the acts of
3 1937, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the fol-
5 lowing sentence:— The procedure shall include the
6 beginning of actions with an entry fee of one dollar
7 and twenty-five cents but without writ, and without
8 requirement, except by special order of court, of
9 other pleading than a statement to the clerk or an
10 assistant clerk, who shall reduce the same to concise
11 written form in a docket kept for the purpose.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 262 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 2, as most
3 recently amended by section 1 of chapter 119 of the
4 acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the fol-
5 lowing section:—

6 *Section 2.* The fees of the clerks of district courts,
7 in civil actions, shall be in the following amounts,
8 payable in advance:—

9 (a) For a blank writ of attachment with summons
10 or any other blank writ or summons, ten cents.

11 (b) For the entry of an action, petition or complaint,
12 except supplementary proceedings, including filing of
13 papers and entering up and recording judgment, two
14 dollars.

15 (c) For the entry of supplementary proceedings
16 under chapter two hundred and twenty-four, one
17 dollar and twenty-five cents, which, together with
18 the fees of witnesses and officers in such proceedings,
19 shall be allowed the creditor as costs. For notice to
20 plaintiff or creditor of the desire of defendant or
21 debtor to submit to examination under said chapter,
22 three dollars. The plaintiff or creditor making affi-
23 davit to the court as provided in section two or six of
24 said chapter shall pay a fee of one dollar, which, to-
25 gether with any sums paid under section twelve of
26 said chapter, shall be allowed the plaintiff or creditor
27 in his costs.

28 (d) For each order of notice, citation or precept,
29 seventy-five cents.

30 (e) For a commission to take deposition, seventy-
31 five cents.

32 (f) For a writ of habeas corpus, one dollar.

33 (g) For a certificate of judgment or other proceed-
34 ing, seventy-five cents.

35 (h) For an attested copy of docket entries, one
36 dollar.

37 (i) For an unattested copy of a paper, fifty cents a
38 legal page.

39 (j) For an attested copy of a paper, sixty cents a
40 legal page.

41 (k) For approving or disapproving by the court of
42 sureties on bonds or recognizances, except bonds
43 given for removal of actions to the superior court, two
44 dollars.

45 (l) For waiver of notice of marriage, one dollar.

1 SECTION 3. Section 4 of said chapter 262, as most
2 recently amended by chapter 632 of the acts of 1953,
3 is hereby further amended by striking out in the third

4 and seventh lines, as appearing in the Tercentenary
5 Edition, the word "five" and inserting in place thereof,
6 in each instance, the word: — ten.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on October
2 first in the current year.

