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By Mr. Linehan of Boston, petition of Thomas F. Linehan for legislation to correct certain inequities in the salaries of clerks of district courts. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT TO CORRECT CERTAIN INEQUITIES IN CERTAIN DISTRICT COURTS.

*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 forty-eight of chapter thirty-five  
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
3 any authority or right of the personnel board of the  
4 county of Suffolk to allocate, classify or establish any  
5 salary or compensation of the clerk or assistant clerks of  
6 the municipal court of the Roxbury district, or the per-  
7 sonnel board of the county of Worcester to allocate,  
8 classify or establish any salary or compensation of the  
9 clerk or assistant clerks in the central district court of  
10 Worcester.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 77A, as appearing in  
3 chapter 768 of the acts of 1951, and as amended by  
4 chapter 334 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place  
5 thereof the following section: —

6 *Section 77A.* The salaries of the justices of the dis-  
7 trict court of Springfield, central district court of Worces-  
8 ter, district court of East Norfolk, municipal court of the  
9 Roxbury district, first district court of Eastern Middle-  
10 sex, and the third district court of Eastern Middlesex

11 shall be twelve thousand dollars. The salary of the  
12 justice of the second district court of Bristol shall be  
13 eighty-eight hundred dollars. The salaries of the clerks  
14 of said district courts shall be seventy-five per cent of  
15 the salaries of the justices of their respective courts. The  
16 salaries of the first assistant clerks of said district courts  
17 shall be equal to sixty-five per cent, and the salaries of  
18 the second, third and fourth assistant clerks shall be  
19 equal to fifty-five per cent of the salaries of the justices  
20 of their respective courts. Such justice and clerks shall  
21 devote their entire time during ordinary business hours  
22 to their respective duties, and shall not, directly or in-  
23 directly, engage in the practice of law. Each of said  
24 justices shall sit in his own court, and in addition per-  
25 form such duties as district court justice as the admini-  
26 strative committee of the district courts may from time  
27 to time assign him.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.