

By Mr. Ward, the same Senator, a petition of the Massachusetts Bar Association, by Walter H. McLaughlin, for legislation relative to increasing the number of justices of the Superior Court. Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

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AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES OF THE SUPERIOR 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 212 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 1, as most recently amended  
3 by chapter 721 of the acts of 1962, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 1.* From the effective date of this act and until  
6 March fifteenth, nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, the supe-  
7 rior court shall consist of one chief justice and forty-five as-  
8 sociate justices. From March fifteenth, nineteen hundred  
9 and sixty-seven, until March fifteenth, nineteen hundred and  
10 sixty-eight, the superior court shall consist of one chief jus-  
11 tice and forty-eight associate justices. On and after March  
12 fifteenth, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, the superior court  
13 shall consist of one chief justice and fifty-one associate justices.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The Government of Massachusetts

in the Year 1880

and the Report of the Governor and the Board of Commissioners

for the Year 1880

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