

HOUSE No. 2675

By Mr. Conn of Melrose, petition of Walter N. McLaughlin for establishment of the number of justices in the Superior Court in proportion to the population. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN PROPORTION TO THE POPULATION.

*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 by
3 chapter 721 of the acts of 1962, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:—

5 *Section 1.* The superior court shall have one chief justice.
6 There shall also be one associate justice of the superior court for
7 each one hundred thousand inhabitants or majority fraction
8 thereof according to the last census authorized by law but in
9 no event shall the number of associate justices of the superior
10 court be less than forty-one. Not more than three associate
11 justices shall be appointed in any single calendar year under the
12 provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect March fifteenth, nine-
2 teen hundred and sixty-seven.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS, IN APRIL 1851, RELATIVE TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE CROWN, AND TO THE LANDS BELONGING TO THE SEVERAL STATES AND TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

BY JOHN R. WALKER, SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

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