

By Mrs. Campobasso of Arlington, petition of Ann W. Lake and Eleanor M. Campobasso for legislation to require the appointment of women justices in each district court. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR WOMEN ON EACH DISTRICT 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 218 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first sentence of section 6 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —

4 Each district court, other than the municipal court of the
5 City of Boston, shall have one justice, except that the district
6 court of Springfield, the municipal court of the Dorchester
7 district, the municipal court of the Roxbury district and the
8 first district court of eastern Middlesex shall have two justices
9 each, one of whom shall be a woman, and the third district
10 court of eastern Middlesex and the central district court of
11 Worcester shall have three justices each, one of whom shall be
12 a woman.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 218 of the General Laws is further
2 amended by striking out the first sentence in the third
3 paragraph of section 6, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph: —

5 In every district court except the municipal court of the city
6 of Boston there shall be the same number of special justices as
7 there are justices, and the number of women shall be the same
8 as provided for in paragraph one, section 6. Women shall be
9 appointed to the court when a vacancy occurs following the
10 effective date of this act.

