

HOUSE No. 1144

By Mr. Thompson of Weymouth, petition of James F. Reynolds, George H. Thompson and others that provision be made for the appointment of court officers in certain counties. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF COURT OFFICERS FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to appoint court officers for the
3 probate court for the county of Norfolk, therefore it is hereby
4 declared to be an emergency law necessary for the immediate
5 preservation of the public convenience.

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 30 of chapter 217 of the General Laws
2 as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 378 of the acts
3 of 1955, is hereby further amended by striking out said section
4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 30.* The judges of probate for the counties of Suffolk
6 and Middlesex may appoint three officers, the judges of probate
7 for the counties of Essex and Norfolk may appoint two officers,
8 the judge of probate for Plymouth county and the judges of
9 probate for Worcester county may appoint an officer of their
10 respective counties. Such officers may be removed at the
11 pleasure of the judge or judges of probate of their respective
12 counties, and the said judge or judges may fill any vacancy
13 caused by removal or otherwise. Each court officer appointed
14 hereunder for Suffolk, Middlesex, Worcester, Essex and Nor-
15 folk county shall give bond with sufficient sureties approved
16 by a judge of his court for the faithful performance of his duties,
17 in the sum of one thousand dollars, payable to the treasurer of

18 Suffolk county or to Middlesex, Worcester, Essex and Norfolk
19 county, as the case may be. The court officer for Plymouth
20 county shall, if required by the court, give a bond payable to
21 Plymouth county for the faithful performance of his duties,
22 with sureties satisfactory to the court. Each officer appointed
23 hereunder shall serve the orders, precepts and processes issued
24 by the judges thereof; and, except in Plymouth county, shall
25 at the expense of his county be furnished with a uniform such
26 as the court shall order, which he shall wear while in attendance
27 on said court. The salary of the officer appointed hereunder to
28 serve in the probate court and court of insolvency of Worcester
29 county shall be fixed by the judges of said court in a sum not to
30 exceed eighteen hundred dollars to be paid by said county.
31 Each court officer in attendance upon the probate court in Essex
32 and Norfolk counties shall receive in full for all services performed
33 by him such salary as shall be fixed by the judges of said court.

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