

By Mr. Galvin of Boston, petition of William F. Galvin for legislation to require attorneys actively engaged in the practice of law to register with the administrative secretary to the Governor and Council. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTRATION OF ATTORNEYS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 221 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 42 the following section: —

3 *Section 42A.* Every attorney actively engaged in the practice of
4 law shall be required to register with the Administrative Secretary
5 to the Governor and Council and give to the Administrative
6 Secretary both his residential and business addresses. Each such
7 registration shall be accompanied by a fee, the amount of which
8 shall be established by the council. Upon completion of proper
9 registration the administrative secretary shall issue to the
10 registrant an identity card, which identity card shall include a
11 photograph of the registrant and shall identify him as a member
12 of the bar in good standing. Said identity card shall be valid for a
13 period of three years from the next anniversary of the date of
14 birth of such registrant and shall be issued by the Council over the
15 signature of the administrative secretary. The clerk of the
16 supreme judicial court for suffolk county shall give such
17 information regarding the standing of members of the bar as the
18 Council shall require. No other registration shall be required of
19 members of the bar practicing in this commonwealth after they
20 have been admitted to the practice of law in this commonwealth.
21 Every person receiving an identity card under this act shall have
22 said card in his possession while he engages in the practice of law,
23 and shall exhibit such card upon request to any officer of a court
24 or correctional institution acting in an official capacity.

