
By Mr. Olver, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 969) of John W. Olver, John P. Burke and members of the House of Representatives for legislation to provide for the appointment of a messenger at the Hampshire Division of the Probate and Family Court Department. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MESSENGER AT THE HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT.

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 217 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 31, as amended by section
3 156 of Chapter 478 of the acts of 1978, and by inserting in
4 place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 31.* The justices of the respective divisions of the
6 probate and family court department may appoint the follow-
7 ing number of messengers for their respective divisions:

8 Middlesex, three messengers

9 Essex, one messenger

10 Suffolk, one messenger

11 Hampden, five messengers

12 Norfolk, three messengers

13 Bristol, two messengers

14 Hampshire, one messenger

15 Said justices may remove said messengers at their pleasure,
16 and may fill vacancies caused by removal or otherwise. Said
17 messengers shall wait upon the court and perform such duties
18 as the judges may direct, including duty as court officers.
19 They shall, while in attendance on the court, wear uniforms,
20 such as the administrative justice shall order, to be furnished
21 at the expense of the Commonwealth.

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

