By Mr. Feeney of Boston, petition of Michael Paul Feeney to permit judges of probate to assign cases for trial in another county. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERMITTING JUDGES OF PROBATE TO ASSIGN CASES FOR TRIAL IN ANOTHER COUNTY.

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 217 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 inserting after section 8A the following section:
3 *Section 8B.* The judge of probate in any county may arrange
4 for the trial of any case in that county before a judge of any other
5 county. The agreement to accept said assignment shall be
6 accepted in writing by the designated judge and the assignment of
7 said case shall be designated in writing by the judge or judges
8 effecting said designation. In the event that the designated judge
9 travels into the county from which said designation is made he
10 shall be reimbursed for all reasonable expenses associated with
11 said travel and the expenses of said assignment shall be paid by
12 the county treasurer of the designating county upon certification
13 of the judge or judges of probate for that county. Within seven
14 days of the agreed and completed designation a copy of said
15 designation shall be filed with the chief judge of the probate
16 courts by the register of probate of the designating county. The
17 agreed designation between probate judges shall not interfere
18 with the assignment of judges made by the chief judge and the
19 chief judge shall not in any way interfere with any designated
20 assignments between the judges of the various counties. The judge
21 who accepts any assignment under this section shall be designated
22 as the acting judge of probate for the designating county.