

By Mr. Peck of Dartmouth, petition of Raymond S. Peck that provision be made for the appointment of an assistant clerk to perform the duties of the clerk pertaining to criminal proceedings in the Bristol County Superior Court. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CLERK TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE CLERK PERTAINING TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL.

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 6L, inserted by chapter 165 of the acts of
3 1974, the following section:—

4 *Section 6M.* The clerk of the Courts for the County of Bristol
5 may appoint an assistant clerk for said county to perform, under
6 the direction of the Clerk, the duties of clerk pertaining to the
7 criminal proceedings in said Court, who shall receive from said
8 county a salary equivalent to seventy-five percent of the salary of
9 the clerk. Said criminal proceedings clerk shall hold such office
10 during good behavior, but subject to applicable retirement laws,
11 and may be removed by the clerk for cause shown, subject to a
12 review by a petition in the district court within the territorial
13 jurisdiction in which he resides praying that such action of the
14 clerk and his decision be reviewed by the court. After such notice
15 as the court deems necessary, it shall review such action and
16 decision, hear any and all evidence and determine whether such
17 action was justified. If the court finds that such action was
18 justified, the decision of the clerk shall be affirmed; otherwise, it
19 shall be reversed and of no effect. If the court finds that he was
20 unjustifiably retired, removed or discharged from his office or
21 position, he shall be reinstated thereto without loss of compensa-
22 tion. The decision of the court shall be final.

