

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael J. Flaherty relative to pensions of retired judges whose spouses predeceased them. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PENSIONS OF RETIRED JUDGES WHOSE SPOUSES  
PRE-DECEASED THEM.

*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 65 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws, as most recently  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by adding to the second  
3 paragraph thereof the following:—

4 If the spouse of a judge who has elected to take the option as  
5 provided in paragraph 1 pre-deceases the judge, the pension paya-  
6 ble to such judge shall thereupon revert to that amount of pension  
7 payable under sections sixty-five A, sixty-five B or sixty-five D.

8 If the case of the pension payable to any judge who has previous-  
9 ly made the election as provided in paragraph 1 and is presently  
10 receiving such lesser pension but whose spouse has died since his  
11 retirement, such pension shall revert, upon the effective date of this  
12 act to the pension payable under sections sixty-five A, sixty-five B  
13 or sixty-five D.

