

By Mr. LoPresti, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 818) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., and Samuel E. Zoll for legislation concerning the number of assistant clerks and court officers in the District Court Department. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CONCERNING THE NUMBER OF ASSISTANT CLERKS AND COURT OFFICERS IN THE DISTRICT 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. Section 10 of chapter 218 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, is hereby further
3 amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place
4 thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The clerk of a district court division may, subject to the
6 approval of the justice, appoint one or more assistant clerks for
7 whose official acts the clerk shall be responsible, who shall be paid
8 by him unless salaries payable by the commonwealth are
9 authorized in this section or in section fifty-three. In divisions
10 having one or more assistant clerks the clerk may designate one
11 as the first assistant clerk. An assistant clerk with salaries payable
12 by the commonwealth may be appointed in divisions the judicial
13 districts of which have, according to the national or state census
14 last preceding, a population of sixty thousand or more, and in
15 the following divisions:

- 16 second district court of Barnstable
- 17 district court of northern Berkshire
- 18 district court of southern Berkshire
- 19 district court of Chicopee
- 20 district court of eastern Essex
- 21 district court of Franklin
- 22 district court of eastern Hampden

- 23 district court of western Hampden
24 district court of Holyoke
25 district court of Leominster
26 district court of Marlborough
27 district court of western Worcester
28 first district court of eastern Worcester
29 first district court of northern Worcester
30 first district court of southern Worcester
31 third district court of southern Worcester.
32 Two assistant clerks with salaries payable by the common-
33 wealth may be appointed in:
34 district court of central Berkshire
35 first district court of Bristol
36 fourth district court of Bristol
37 municipal court of Brookline
38 district court of Chelsea
39 district court of Fitchburg
40 district court of Franklin
41 district court of central Middlesex
42 first district court of northern Middlesex
43 district court of western Norfolk
44 third district court of Plymouth
45 fourth district court of Plymouth
46 Three assistant clerks with salaries payable by the common-
47 wealth may be appointed in:
48 municipal court of the Brighton district
49 second district court of Bristol
50 district court of Newton
51 district court of southern Norfolk
52 district court of Peabody
53 second district court of Plymouth
54 district court of Somerville.
55 Four assistant clerks with salaries payable by the common-
56 wealth may be appointed in:
57 first district court of Barnstable
58 third district court of Bristol
59 East Boston district court
60 municipal court of the South Boston district
61 district court of Brockton
62 municipal court of the Charlestown district

- 63 central district court of northern Essex
64 first district court of Essex
65 district court of southern Essex
66 district court of Hampshire
67 first district court of eastern Middlesex
68 second district court of eastern Middlesex
69 fourth district court of eastern Middlesex
70 district court of northern Norfolk.
71 Five assistant clerks with salaries payable by the commonwealth
72 may be appointed in:
73 district court of Lawrence.
74 Six assistant clerks with salaries payable by the commonwealth
75 may be appointed in:
76 first district court of southern Middlesex
77 district court of East Norfolk
78 municipal court of the West Roxbury district.
79 Seven assistant clerks with salaries payable by the common-
80 wealth may be appointed in:
81 municipal court of the Dorchester district
82 district court of Lowell
83 central district court of Worcester.
84 Ten assistant clerks with salaries payable by the commonwealth
85 may be appointed in:
86 third district court of eastern Middlesex
87 municipal court of the Roxbury district.
88 One of the ten assistant clerks for the municipal court of the
89 Roxbury district shall be appointed for juvenile sessions.
90 Eleven assistant clerks with salaries payable by the common-
91 wealth may be appointed in:
92 district court of Springfield.

1 SECTION 2. Section 62 of chapter 218 of the General Laws,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following
4 paragraph: —

5 The district and juvenile courts shall have as many court officers
6 as are designated for them in the following clauses:

7 (1) Fifteen court officers:

8 municipal court of the Roxbury district

- 9 (2) Ten court officers:
10 district court of Springfield
11 central district court of Worcester
- 12 (3) Nine court officers:
13 municipal court of the Dorchester district
14 district court of Lowell
15 third district court of eastern Middlesex
- 16 (4) Eight court officers:
17 Boston Juvenile Court
- 18 (5) Six court officers:
19 district court of southern Essex
20 first district court of eastern Middlesex
- 21 (6) Five court officers:
22 first district court of Barnstable
23 district court of Lawrence
24 first district court of southern Middlesex
25 district court of East Norfolk
- 26 (7) Four court officers:
27 third district court of Bristol
28 district court of Chelsea
29 East Boston district court
30 first district court of Essex
31 central district court of northern Essex
32 district court of Hampshire
33 second district court of eastern Middlesex
34 fourth district court of eastern Middlesex
35 second district court of Plymouth
36 district court of Somerville
37 municipal court of the West Roxbury district
- 38 (8) Three court officers:
39 district court of central Berkshire
40 municipal court of Brookline
41 district court of Brockton
42 district court of Holyoke
43 district court of central Middlesex
44 first district court of northern Middlesex
45 district court of Newton
46 district court of northern Norfolk
47 district court of western Norfolk
48 district court of Peabody

49 municipal court of the South Boston district

50 (9) Two court officers:

51 second district court of Barnstable

52 district court of northern Berkshire

53 district court of southern Berkshire

54 municipal court of the Brighton district

55 first district court of Bristol

56 second district court of Bristol

57 Bristol county juvenile court

58 municipal court of the Charlestown district

59 district court of Chicopee

60 district court of eastern Essex

61 district court of eastern Franklin

62 district court of Franklin

63 district court of western Hampden

64 district court of eastern Hampshire

65 district court of Leominster

66 district court of Marlborough

67 district court of Natick

68 district court of Newburyport

69 third district court of Plymouth

70 fourth district court of Plymouth

71 Springfield juvenile court

72 first district court of eastern Worcester

73 second district court of eastern Worcester

74 first district court of northern Worcester

75 third district court of southern Worcester

76 Worcester juvenile court

77 (10) One court officer:

78 Each of the other district or juvenile courts of the

79 commonwealth not hereinbefore listed.

