

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to removing the requirements of judicial approval of expenses incurred by district attorneys. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REMOVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF JUDICIAL APPROVAL OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

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 18 of Chapter 12 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1978, is
3 hereby amended by striking out in Lines 2 and 3 the words:—
4 “with the approval of the superior court.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 19 of Chapter 12 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1978, is
3 hereby amended by striking out in Lines 2 and 3 the words: — “and
4 with the approval of the administrative justice for the superior
5 court department.”

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by striking out Section 22, as most recently amended by Chapter
3 478 of the Acts of 1978, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section:—

5 *Section 22.* The District Attorneys may employ such persons
6 for clerical or stenographic work as the interests of the Common-
7 wealth require and may remove them at their pleasure. Their
8 compensation shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. Section 23 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1978, is hereby amended by
3 striking out in Line 5 the words:—

4 "Such sums as shall be approved by a justice of the Superior
5 court."

6 Section 23 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking
7 out in line 14 the words: — "and upon the approval of a justice of
8 the superior court."

1 SECTION 5. Section 24 of the General Laws, as most recently
2 amended by Chapter 478 of the Acts of 1978, is hereby amended by
3 striking out in Line 12 the words: — "otherwise upon the approval
4 of a justice of the superior court."