

At the request of Mr. Judd of Southampton, the petition of Henry B. Montague and others relative to the right of special justices to receive fees for taking bail in criminal cases, was taken from the files. Judiciary (Joint). Jan. 7, 1924.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

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An Act Relative to the Fees of Special Justices for  
taking Bail in Criminal Cases.

*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 sixty-three of chapter two hundred and  
2 seventy-six of the General Laws, as amended by  
3 section three of chapter four hundred and sixty-  
4 five of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-  
5 two, is hereby further amended by adding at the  
6 end thereof the following:— This section shall not  
7 apply to special justices of district courts,— so as  
8 read as follows:— *Section 63.* No justice of any  
9 court shall receive any fee or compensation for tak-  
10 ing and approving bail in criminal cases, and no  
11 other person authorized to admit to bail in criminal  
12 cases shall receive from any source in connection  
13 with the admitting to bail anything of value in ex-  
14 cess of the statutory fees therefor. No person shall  
15 act as attorney in any case in which he has admitted  
16 a prisoner or witness to bail. This section shall not  
17 apply to special justices of district courts.

