

By Mr. Crockwell of Medford, petition of Thomas J. Godley and others relative to the payment of witness fees to police officers and other state employees in cases where said officers or employees are on duty at the time of their attendance at court. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

An Act relative to Witness Fees for Certain State Police Officers and Employees.

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 fifty-six of chapter two hundred and sixty-
2 two of the General Laws, as amended by section two
3 of chapter three hundred and seventy-seven of the
4 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-two, is hereby
5 further amended by inserting after the word "party"
6 in the seventh line the words:—, if said officer or
7 employee is on duty at the time of his attendance as
8 such witness, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 56.*
9 Except as otherwise provided, a state police officer or
10 an officer of the commonwealth whose salary is fixed
11 by law, or any employee of the commonwealth
12 receiving regular compensation therefrom, shall not
13 be entitled to a witness fee before any court or trial
14 justice in a cause in which the commonwealth is a
15 party, if said officer or employee is on duty at the
16 time of his attendance as such witness. An officer

17 whose compensation is derived solely from fees shall
18 not be entitled to receive more than one fee as a
19 witness for a day's attendance on court under one or
20 more summonses in behalf of the commonwealth,
21 and the said fee shall be apportioned by the clerk
22 among the cases in which he is so summoned.

