

By Mr. Ward, a petition of Joseph D. Ward for legislation to provide benefits for the widows of justices who resign upon appointment to the United States courts. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT PROVIDING BENEFITS FOR THE WIDOWS OF JUSTICES WHO
RESIGN UPON APPOINTMENT TO UNITED STATES COURTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of section sixty-five C of
2 chapter thirty-two of the General Laws and any provisions
3 of law to the contrary, if a chief justice, justice, associate
4 justice, judge or associate judge described in section sixty-
5 five A of chapter thirty-two, hereafter herein called judge,
6 who, after having served in any such office or offices at least
7 twenty years continuously, is under age seventy who would
8 be entitled, upon resigning, to a pension for life under sec-
9 tion sixty-five A except for not having attained age seventy,
10 resigns to accept appointment as a justice or judge of a court
11 of the United States of America and who dies while in office
12 as a justice or judge of a court of the United States of Amer-
13 ica, his widow shall receive a pension for life computed as
14 provided in the second paragraph of section sixty-five A.

15 This act shall apply to the widow of a judge who resigned
16 after April first of the year nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

