

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, JULY 2, 1970.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am returning, herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 851 entitled "AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE SHERIFF OF SUFFOLK COUNTY APPOINT CERTAIN COURT OFFICERS."

Present law provides that the sheriffs of certain counties may, with consent of the justices of the superior court, appoint court officers for attendance upon the sessions of the superior court in their respective counties.

This bill would make a special case for Suffolk County, in that it would require the sheriff to appoint the maximum number of court officers authorized. The sheriffs in all other counties are left with discretion in the matter.

There is no reason why the city of Boston, which is obliged to pay the salaries of these court officers, should be required to pay for the maximum number of positions when the sheriff and the justices of the superior court may not think that they should all be filled.

The city of Boston, accordingly, does not support this legislation. I do not believe that there is any justification for requiring Suffolk County, and Suffolk County alone, to incur costs which may be unnecessary in the opinion of the persons most directly involved.

For the above reasons, I cannot approve the measure and I return the bill without my approval.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Acting Governor of the Commonwealth.

THE LAND OFFICE

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE LAND OFFICE

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