

By Mr. Matrango of North Adams, petition of Samuel E. Levine and Frank J. Matrango relative to the appointment of district court circuit justices. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT COURT CIRCUIT JUSTICES.

*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 77B of chapter 218 of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 78, as most recently amended by section  
3 10 of chapter 845 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 78.* The salary of the justice of each of the follow-  
6 ing district courts:

- 7 district court of northern Berkshire
- 8 fourth district court of Berkshire
- 9 district court of southern Berkshire
- 10 district court of Chicopee
- 11 district court of Dukes County
- 12 district court of eastern Essex
- 13 second district court of Essex
- 14 third district court of Essex
- 15 district court of eastern Franklin
- 16 district court of eastern Hampshire
- 17 district court of Lee
- 18 district court of Leominster
- 19 district court of Nantucket
- 20 district court of Natick

21 district court of Newburyport

22 district court of Williamstown

23 district court of Winchendon

24 district court of western Worcester

25 shall be twenty-five thousand dollars each. The justices of said  
26 courts shall be designated as a district court circuit judge, and  
27 shall devote their entire time during ordinary business hours to  
28 their duties and shall not, directly or indirectly engage in the  
29 practice of law. Each of the said justices shall sit in his own  
30 court and in any other district court by assignment of the chief  
31 justice, and, in addition, shall perform such other duties as  
32 district court circuit justices in civil and criminal matters as the  
33 chief justice of the district courts may from time to time assign  
34 to him. Each of said justices shall also sit in the superior court  
35 by assignment of the chief justice of the superior court pur-  
36 suant to the provisions of sections fourteen B to fourteen E of  
37 chapter two hundred and twelve.

38 Whenever a district court circuit justice in one county is  
39 required to sit by assignment of the chief justice in a district  
40 court in another county, such other county shall reimburse the  
41 first county on a pro rata basis for the salary of such justice  
42 for the time that he sits in such other county, and for his  
43 expenses thereby incurred.