

SENATE No. 517

By Mr. Locke, a petition of David H. Locke for legislation to provide for the establishment of the number of justices in the Superior Court in proportion to the population. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES IN THE SUPERIOR COURT IN PROPORTION TO THE POPULATION.

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

1 Chapter 212 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 1, as most recently amended by chapter
3 721 of the acts of 1962, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 1.* The superior court shall have one chief justice.
6 The superior court shall have one associate justice for each
7 one hundred thousand inhabitants or majority fraction thereof
8 according to the last census authorized by law but in no event
9 shall the number of associate justices of the superior court be
10 less than forty-one.

By Mr. Lodge a section of David H. Fisher for legislation to provide for the establishment of the number of justices in the Superior Court in accordance with the provisions of the act of 1903, the following:

The Government of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES IN THE SAID COURT IN ACCORDANCE TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF 1903.

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

1 Chapter XIX of the General Laws is hereby amended by
 2 striking out section 1, as most recently amended by chapter
 3 231 of the acts of 1903, and inserting in place thereof the
 4 following section:—
 5 Section 1. The superior court shall have one chief justice.
 6 The superior court shall have one associate justice for each
 7 one hundred thousand inhabitants or majority fraction thereof,
 8 according to the last census authorized by law but in no event
 9 shall the number of associate justices of the superior court be
 10 less than forty-one.