
By Mr. Olver, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1700) of John W. Olver, William A. Carey and William P. Nagle, Jr., for legislation relative to certain positions at the Hampshire division of the probate and family court department. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE HAMPSHIRE
DIVISION OF THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT.

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. Said Chapter 217 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 23A as appearing in section 148 of Chap-
3 ter 478 of the acts of 1978, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section:

5 *Section 23A.* In addition to the first assistant registers of
6 probate provided for in section twenty-three, the judges of
7 the respective divisions of the probate and family court
8 department for the following counties may appoint assistant
9 registers with the same powers and duties. Said appointments
10 shall be as follows:

- 11 Barnstable, one assistant register
- 12 Berkshire, one assistant register
- 13 Bristol, three assistant registers
- 14 Essex, three assistant registers
- 15 Hampden, three assistant registers
- 16 Hampshire, one assistant register
- 17 Middlesex, five assistant registers
- 18 Norfolk, five assistant registers
- 19 Plymouth, three assistant registers
- 20 Suffolk, five assistant registers
- 21 Worcester, four assistant registers

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 31, as amended by section

3 156 of Chapter 478 of the acts of 1978, and by inserting in
4 place thereof the following section:

5 *Section 31.* The justices of the respective divisions of the
6 probate and family court department may appoint the follow-
7 ing number of messengers for their respective divisions:

8 Middlesex, three messengers

9 Essex, one messenger

10 Suffolk, one messenger

11 Hampden, five messengers

12 Norfolk, three messengers

13 Bristol, two messengers

14 Hampshire, one messenger

15 Said justices may remove said messengers at their pleasure,
16 and may fill vacancies caused by removal or otherwise. Said
17 messengers shall wait upon the court and perform such duties
18 as the judges may direct, including duty as court officers.
19 They shall, while in attendance on the court, wear uniforms,
20 such as the administrative justice shall order, to be furnished
21 at the expense of the Commonwealth.