
The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 16, 1981.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 462) of Richard Tritter for legislation to permit hospital employees to act as witnesses to a will; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 696) of William I. Randall, Marilyn M. Sullivan and John E. Fenton, Jr., justices of the Land Court, John F. Aylmer and other members of the Senate for legislation to expedite the registration of land; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 958) of William I. Randall, Marilyn M. Sullivan and John E. Fenton, Jr., justices of the Land Court, John F. Aylmer and other members of the Senate for legislation to expand the exclusive original jurisdiction of the Land Court; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1752) of William I. Randall, Marilyn M. Sullivan and John E. Fenton, Jr., justices of the Land Court, John F. Aylmer and other members of the Senate for legislation to limit the withdrawal of land from registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1754) of William I. Randall, Marilyn M. Sullivan and John E. Fenton, Jr., justices of the Land Court, John F. Aylmer and other members of the Senate for legislation to promote economic use of land by removing ancient impediments to marketability; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1755) of William I. Randall, Marilyn M. Sullivan and John E. Fenton, Jr., justices of the Land Court, John F. Aylmer and other members of the Senate for legislation to repeal obsolete provisions of the General Laws relative to proceedings for settlement of title to land; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1766) of John A. Brennan, Jr., Mark E. Lawton and Francis X. Bellotti, Attorney General, for legislation to amend the Massachusetts eminent domain and betterments law; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1784) of Gerard D'Amico for legislation to require advisory opinions on proposed legislation affecting the registry of deeds from the Massachusetts Registry of Deeds Association; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1856) of

Alfred L. Podolski, chief justice, Probate and Family Court Department, Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., and David H. Locke for legislation to eliminate the right to remove equity cases from the jurisdiction of the probate and family court department to the superior court department; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1863) of David H. Locke and Alfred L. Podolski, chief justice, Probate and Family Court Department for legislation to provide for a term of three years for appointment of assistant registers of probate; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1947) of Philip L. Shea for legislation to authorize the probate court to grant visitation rights to grandparents of certain minor children; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1973) of Alan D. Sisitsky and Shirley Boyle for legislation relative to awards of custody; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1983) of the Boston Bar Association, by Paul D. Pearson, and Alan D. Sisitsky for legislation to amend the contempt process in the probate court; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1987) of Alan D. Sisitsky, Martin T. Reilly and Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., for legislation to equalize the salaries of the court officers attendant upon the trial court; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1991) of Alan D. Sisitsky and John G. King for legislation relative to the appointment of guardians and conservators of adults; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2041) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to provide for presumption of joint ownership of a motor vehicle upon the death of a spouse; and the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2054) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., for legislation to equalize the salaries of the court officers attendant upon the superior court department of Middlesex County with the court officers attendant upon the Superior Court Department of Suffolk County, reports the accompanying order (Senate, No. 2131).

For the Committee,

ALAN D. SISITSKY

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SENATE, April 16, 1981.

1 *Ordered*, That the Committee on the Judiciary be author-
2 ized to sit during the recess of the general court for the pur-
3 pose of making an investigation and study of the subject mat-
4 ter of current Senate documents numbered: 462, relative to
5 permitting hospital employees to act as witnesses to a will;
6 696, relative to expediting the registration of land; 958, rela-
7 tive to expanding the exclusive original jurisdiction of the
8 Land Court; 1752, relative to limiting the withdrawal of land
9 from registration; 1754, relative to promoting economic use of
10 land by removing ancient impediments to marketability; 1755,
11 relative to repealing obsolete provisions of the General Laws
12 relative to proceedings for settlement of title to land; 1766,
13 relative to amending the Massachusetts eminent domain and
14 betterments law; 1784, relative to requiring advisory opinions
15 on proposed legislation affecting the registry of deeds from
16 the Massachusetts Registry of Deeds Association; 1856, rela-
17 tive to eliminating the right to remove equity cases from the
18 jurisdiction of the probate and family court department to the
19 superior court department; 1863, relative to providing for a
20 term of three years for appointment of assistant registers of
21 probate; 1947, relative to authorizing the probate court to
22 grant visitation rights to grandparents of certain minor chil-
23 dren; 1973, relative to awards of custody; 1983, relative to
24 amending the contempt process in the probate court; 1987,
25 relative to equalizing the salaries of the court officers attend-
26 ant upon the trial court; 1991, relative to the appointment of
27 guardians and conservators of adults; 2041, relative to pro-
28 viding for presumption of joint ownership of a motor vehicle
29 upon the death of a spouse; 2054, relative to equalizing the
30 salaries of the court officers attendant upon the superior court
31 department of Middlesex County with the court officers at-
32 tendant upon the Superior Court Department of Suffolk
33 County.

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