

By Mr. Brownell of Quincy, petition of Thomas F. Brownell for legislation to authorize the appointment of stenographers in the district courts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Seven.

AN ACT TO PERMIT THE APPOINTMENT OF STENOGRAPHERS IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

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 82 of chapter 221 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: —The justices of the superior court
5 department and district court department shall appoint from time
6 to time such official stenographers and additional stenographers
7 for the several counties as the business of the court may require.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 221 of the General Laws, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section 83 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 83. The presiding justice at any sitting, trial or hearing
5 in the supreme judicial court or the superior court or district court,
6 in case no stenographer is assigned therefor or in case of illness
7 of absence of a stenographer assigned, may appoint one or more
8 temporary stenographers, who shall be sworn, and shall during
9 his or their service have the powers and duties of an official
10 stenographer.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 221 of the General Laws, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out section 87 and
3 inserting in place thereof the following section: —

4 Section 87. The justices of the superior court department or
5 district court department may make regulations not inconsistent
6 with law relative to the assignments, duties and service of
7 stenographers appointed for that court, and any other matters
8 relative to such stenographers.

1 SECTION 4. Section 91 of chapter 221 of the General Laws,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first
3 sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —

4 Official stenographers, and all additional and temporary
5 stenographers, appointed by the justices of the superior court
6 department or district court department shall receive salaries
7 which shall be established from time to time by said justices which
8 shall be paid by the commonwealth.