

By Mr. Caron of Springfield, petition of Paul E. Caron, Thomas S. Cahir and Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., relative to the appointment of certain officers of the courts of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS OF THE COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 70 of chapter two hundred and twenty-
2 one is hereby amended by striking out said section in its entirety,
3 and inserting in place thereof the following new section: —

4 Section 70. Subject to appropriation, the chief administrative
5 justice may appoint for attendance upon the several sessions of
6 the trial court such officers as he deems necessary for the efficient
7 operation of said court.

1 SECTION 2. As of the effective date of this act, any per diem
2 court officer, so-called, scheduled to work at least one thousand
3 nine hundred and fifty hours in the fiscal year ending June 30,
4 nineteen hundred and eighty-six, shall be deemed to have been
5 appointed as of said effective date under the provisions of section
6 70 of chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the General Laws,
7 as amended by section one of this act shall be deemed to have
8 been permanently appointed under said section upon the
9 completion of a six-month probationary period. For the purposes
10 of determining the seniority of such officers with regard to
11 promotion, demotion, transfer, assignment, reduction in force,
12 recall, or removal, and for the purposes of determining the step-
13 in-range in which such officers are to be placed in the job group
14 to which they are allocated in the job classification and pay plan

15 of the trial court, such officers shall be deemed to have been
16 appointed as of the effective date of this act; provided, however,
17 that in determining the relative seniority of two or more per diem
18 court officers appointed pursuant to this act, seniority shall be
19 determined from the earliest date on which such officers first
20 began continuous service to the effective date of this act, provided
21 that "continuous service" shall mean service as a per diem court
22 officer of at least twelve hundred hours actually worked per fiscal
23 year. All other matters related to the employment status and rights
24 of such officers shall be determined by the chief administrative
25 justice of the trial court.

1 SECTION 3. The provisions of section one shall not impair the
2 employment status or rights in effect pursuant to section 70 of
3 chapter 221 or to any other general or special law or rule or
4 regulation immediately prior to the effective date of this act for
5 any officer serving pursuant to said section prior to said effective
6 date.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen
2 hundred and eighty-seven.