
By Mr. Bertonazzi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 950) of Louis P. Bertonazzi and Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to assistant town clerks. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSISTANT TOWN CLERKS.

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

1 Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41 Section 19 is hereby
2 amended by striking out Section 19 and inserting in place thereof
3 the following new section: —
4 Section 19. The town clerk may in writing appoint an assistant
5 clerk, who shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties;
6 and a record shall be made of the appointment and oath. The
7 assistant town clerk shall, in the absence of the clerk, perform his
8 duties and have the powers and be subject to the requirements
9 and penalties applicable to him, unless a temporary clerk is elected
10 or appointed pursuant to section fourteen. Such duties and powers
11 shall include acting as clerk of the board of registrars of voters,
12 in a town where the town clerk performs this function; provided,
13 that equal representation of the two leading political parties on
14 said board, in accordance with section eighteen of chapter fifty-
15 one, is not affected thereby. In towns of under one thousand
16 inhabitants no person appointed as assistant clerk shall receive
17 any salary for services as such from the town, but his
18 compensation, if any, for such services shall be paid by the clerk,
19 to whom all fees received by the assistant shall be paid. In towns
20 having five thousand or more inhabitants an assistant clerk
21 appointed under authority of this section shall not be subject to
22 chapter thirty-one.

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