

By Ms. Schur of Newton, petition of Arthur M. Mason and Susan D. Schur relative to the clerks of court and registers of probate. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CLERKS OF COURT AND REGISTERS OF PROBATE.

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. The third sentence of Section 44 of Chapter 53
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 7 of
3 Chapter 695 of the Acts of 1986, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out in each instance the words "clerk of courts, register
5 of probate".

1 SECTION 2. The first sentence of the fourth paragraph of
2 Section 48 of Chapter 53 of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by Section 2 of Chapter 438 of the Acts of 1987, is hereby
4 further amended by striking out the words "clerk of court, register
5 of probate and insolvency".

1 SECTION 3. The second sentence of Section 62 of Chapter 54
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 2 of
3 Chapter 278 of the Acts of 1981, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the words "clerks of the courts, registers of probate."

1 SECTION 4. The first sentence of Section 112 of Chapter 54
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 4 of
3 Chapter 241 of the Acts of 1984, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the words "clerk of courts, register of probate."

1 SECTION 5. The second sentence of Section 116 of Chapter
2 54 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 45

3 of Chapter 477 of the Acts of 1985, is hereby further amended
4 by striking out the words "clerk of the courts, register of probate".

1 SECTION 6. The first paragraph of Section 142 of Chapter 54
2 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Section 4 of
3 Chapter 278 of the Acts of 1981, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the words "clerk of the courts or in Suffolk county
5 of the supreme judicial or superior court, register of probate."

1 SECTION 7. The third paragraph of said Section 142 of said
2 Chapter 54 is hereby amended by striking out, in each instance,
3 the words "register of probate".

1 SECTION 8. The fourth paragraph of said Section 142 of said
2 Chapter 54 is hereby amended by striking out said paragraph in
3 its entirety.

1 SECTION 9. The fifth paragraph of said Section 142 of said
2 Chapter 54 is hereby amended by striking out said paragraph in
3 its entirety.

1 SECTION 10. Section one hundred and fifty-five of Chapter
2 fifty-four of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 Section nineteen of Chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the
4 Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 11. Section one hundred and fifty-six of Chapter
2 fifty-four of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 Section five of Chapter two hundred and seventy-eight of the Acts
4 of nineteen hundred and eighty-one, is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 12. Section 4 of Chapter 217 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by Section 284 of Chapter 426 of the
3 Acts of 1931, is hereby further amended by striking said section
4 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following
5 section: —

6 Section 4. There shall be in each county a register of probate
7 who shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and
8 consent of the council, and shall hold office during good behavior,

9 but subject, however, to retirement under the provisions of any
10 applicable general or special law relative to retirement systems.

11 Each register of probate so appointed shall be entitled to thirty
12 days vacation and thirty days sick leave in each calendar year.
13 Vacation leave and sick leave not used in any such year may be
14 accumulated, provided that the total number of vacation days so
15 accumulated shall not exceed sixty and the total amount of sick
16 leave accumulated shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days.

1 SECTION 13. Section 3 of Chapter 221 of the General
2 Laws, as most recently amended by Sections 19 and 26 of Chapter
3 269 of the Acts of 1919, is hereby further amended by striking
4 out the last sentence.

1 SECTION 14. Said Section 3 of said Chapter 221 is hereby
2 further amended by adding the following paragraphs thereto: —

3 All of said officers shall be appointed by the governor, with the
4 advice and consent of the council, and shall hold office during
5 good behavior, but subject, however, to retirement under the
6 provisions of any applicable general or special law relative to
7 retirement systems.

8 Each clerk of court so appointed shall be entitled to thirty days
9 vacation and thirty days sick leave in each calendar year. Vacation
10 leave and sick leave not used in any such year may be accumulated,
11 provided that the total number of vacation days so accumulated
12 shall not exceed sixty and the total amount of sick leave
13 accumulated shall not exceed one hundred and eighty days.

1 SECTION 15. Upon the effective date of this act the
2 incumbents of the offices of clerk of court and of register of
3 probate shall have the title to, and exercise the powers, duties and
4 responsibilities of their respective offices and shall continue to
5 service therein without reduction in compensation and without
6 loss of seniority, vacation or retirement rights. Said incumbents
7 shall continue to hold the offices of clerk of court and of register
8 of probate, as applicable, during good behavior until they vacate
9 such office either by death, removal or retirement.

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