

By Mr. Ward, a petition of Joseph D. Ward for legislation to establish Juvenile courts throughout the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING JUVENILE COURTS THROUGHOUT 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 60 of chapter 218 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 9 of chapter 722 of the
3 acts of 1962, is hereby amended by adding the following
4 sentence: — Said court shall also have and exercise jurisdic-
5 tion over cases referred or transferred to it or commenced
6 therein under the provisions of section sixty A, sixty B and
7 sixty C.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 60 under the caption "Juvenile Courts
3 outside of Suffolk county" the following three sections: —

4 *Section 60A.* There shall be the following juvenile courts:—

5 At Boston — for the county of Suffolk

6 At Cambridge — for the county of Middlesex

7 At Worcester — for the county of Worcester

8 At Springfield — for the counties of Berkshire, Franklin,
9 Hampden and Hampshire

10 At New Bedford — for the counties of Barnstable, Bristol,
11 Norfolk and Plymouth

12 At Lawrence — for the county of Essex.

13 Each of said courts shall have a justice, who shall devote his
14 entire time during ordinary business hours to his duties and
15 shall not directly or indirectly engage in the practice of law,
16 a clerk who shall be appointed by the governor and shall hold

17 office during good behavior, and an assistant clerk who shall
18 be appointed by the clerk, subject to the approval of the justice.
19 The chief justice of the district courts may upon request of
20 the justice or in his absence of the clerk of said court assign
21 a justice of any district court other than the municipal court
22 of the city of Boston to sit in said court.

23 *Section 60B.* Each of said courts shall have and exercise
24 jurisdiction within the counties for which they sit over cases
25 of juvenile offenders under seventeen and cases of neglected,
26 wayward or delinquent children commenced therein by a
27 complainant, transferred to it from a district court by such
28 offender or child, his parent or guardian or referred to it by
29 order of a district court justice if in the opinion of such justice
30 it is an intractable case.

31 *Section 60C.* Any juvenile offender under seventeen or any
32 neglected, wayward or delinquent child or in either case his
33 parent or guardian may at any time transfer his case from
34 a district court to the juvenile court having jurisdiction
35 thereof.

1 SECTION 3. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 76, as most recently amended by section 1
3 of chapter 694 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 76.* The salary of the justices of the juvenile courts
6 shall be twenty thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 4. In making appointments to the office of justice
2 of the various juvenile courts the governor shall consider the
3 training and experience of the persons to be appointed including
4 their knowledge of law, sociology, psychiatry and child guid-
5 ance.