

HOUSE No. 1929

By Mr. O'Brien of Springfield, petition of John P. O'Brien and Stanley J. Zard for legislation to increase the salaries of the judges of probate and registers and assistant registers of probate. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE SALARIES OF THE PROBATE JUDGES,
REGISTERS OF PROBATE AND ASSISTANT 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. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 34 as most recently amended
3 by section 4 of chapter 699 of the acts of 1966 and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 34.* The salaries of all judges of probate shall be
6 paid by the commonwealth and shall be twenty-seven thou-
7 sand dollars except that the salaries of the judges of probate
8 for Dukes and Nantucket counties shall be nine thousand
9 dollars.

10 The judge designated under section two A shall, irrespec-
11 tive of the county in which he serves as judge of probate,
12 receive a salary of twenty-eight thousand dollars for his
13 combined services as chief judge and judge of probate.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section thirty-five A as most recently
3 amended by section 5 of chapter 699 of the acts of 1966 and
4 inserting in place thereof, the following section:—

5 *Section 35A.* The salaries of the registers of probate shall

6 be paid by the commonwealth and are hereby established as
7 follows:

COUNTIES	Salaries
Suffolk	\$20,000.
Middlesex	\$20,000.
Norfolk	\$20,000.
Worcester	\$18,500.
Essex	\$18,500.
Hampden	\$18,500.
Bristol	\$18,500.
Plymouth	\$18,500.
Barnstable	\$16,500.
Berkshire	\$16,500.
Franklin	\$16,500.
Dukes	\$ 7,500.
Nantucket	\$ 7,500.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 35B, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 736 of the acts of 1960, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 35B.* The salary of the first assistant register of
6 probate shall be seventy-five per cent of the salary of the
7 register in his county.

8 The salary of the second assistant register of probate shall
9 be seventy per cent of the salary of the register in his county.

10 The salary of the third, fourth or fifth assistant register
11 of probate shall be sixty-five per cent of the salary of the
12 register in his county.