

By Mr. Kimbrel of Boston, petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Carter D. Kimbrel for legislation to increase the number of justices in the municipal court of the Roxbury district. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Two.

AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUSTICES IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE ROXBURY DISTRICT.

*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 6 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as amended, is  
2 hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph and  
3 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —  
4 Each district court, other than the Municipal Court of the City  
5 of Boston, shall have one justice, except that of the District  
6 Court of Springfield, the Municipal Court of the Dorchester  
7 District, and the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex shall  
8 have two justices each, and the Municipal Court of the Roxbury  
9 District, the Third District Court of Eastern Middlesex and the  
10 Central District Court of Worcester shall have three justices each.  
11 The senior justice in time of service shall be the first justice of  
12 the court. Citations, orders of notice, writs, executions and all  
13 other processes issued by the clerk of court shall bear the teste of  
14 the first justice thereof. The first justice shall be the admin-  
15 istrative head of the court, and without limiting the foregoing,  
16 shall appoint temporary clerks, court officers and probation  
17 officers, and shall approve the appointments of assistant clerks  
18 and of temporary assistant clerks. If the first justice is absent and  
19 delay would injure the public interest, the justice next in  
20 seniority shall act in his place, and if no justice of the court is  
21 available, the chief justice of the district courts shall act.

