

*Chap.*293 AN ACT TO ALLOW PERSONS COMPLAINED OF FOR MISDEMEANORS TO BE HEARD PERSONALLY OR BY COUNSEL IN OPPOSITION TO THE ISSUANCE OF ANY PROCESS BASED ON SUCH COMPLAINT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 35A, etc., amended.

Persons complained against may be heard, when.

Chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section thirty-five A, inserted by section one of chapter three hundred and forty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 35A.* If a complaint for a misdemeanor is received by a district court, or by a justice, associate justice or special justice thereof, or by a clerk, assistant clerk, temporary clerk or temporary assistant clerk thereof under section thirty-two, thirty-three or thirty-five, as the case may be, the person against whom such complaint is made, shall, if not under arrest for the offence for which the complaint is made, upon request in writing, seasonably made, be given an opportunity to be heard personally or by counsel in opposition to the issuance of any process based on such complaint.

*Approved May 12, 1945.*

*Chap.*294 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL COURT OFFICER IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SPRINGFIELD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 62, etc., amended.

Court officers in district court of Springfield.

Section sixty-two of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter three hundred and forty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "Middlesex" in the fifteenth line the words: —, the district court of Springfield, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 62.* In the municipal court of the city of Boston the court officers appointed shall not exceed ten for criminal business, one of whom shall be designated by the chief justice as chief court officer of said court for criminal business and one as an assistant chief court officer, nor five for civil business, one of whom shall be designated by said chief justice as chief court officer of said court for civil business; in the municipal court of the Roxbury district five court officers may be appointed; in the third district court of Eastern Middlesex and in the municipal court of the West Roxbury district three court officers may be appointed; in the municipal court of the South Boston district, of the Charlestown district and of the Dorchester district, the East Boston district court, the district court of Chelsea, the first district court of Eastern Middlesex, the district court of Springfield and the district court of East Norfolk two court officers for each court may be appointed; and in each of the other district courts in the commonwealth one court officer may be appointed.

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