

# HOUSE . . . . No. 315

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By Messrs. Hailer of Boston and Hurwitz of Cohasset, petition of Frederick C. Hailer, Jr., and Nathaniel M. Hurwitz relative to probation officers appointed to act exclusively in juvenile cases in certain district courts and to perform certain other duties. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROBATION OFFICERS APPOINTED TO ACT EXCLUSIVELY IN JUVENILE CASES IN CERTAIN DISTRICT COURTS AND TO PERFORM CERTAIN OTHER DUTIES.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purposes which are to aid immedi-  
3 ately in the prevention of child delinquency and the  
4 rehabilitation of delinquent children, therefore it is  
5 hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for  
6 the immediate preservation of the public convenience,  
7 safety and welfare.

*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 first paragraph of section 83A of  
2 chapter 276 of the General Laws, as amended by sec-  
3 tion 1 of chapter 655 of the acts of 1947, is hereby  
4 further amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9, the  
5 words "two full-time probation officers, one male and  
6 one female," and inserting in place thereof the words;

7 — full-time probation officers, — and by striking out,  
8 in lines 31 and 32, the words “, not exceeding four  
9 thousand dollars each,” — so as to read as follows: —  
10 The administrative committee of the district courts  
11 shall designate, and from time to time redesignate,  
12 such district courts within each of the counties of the  
13 commonwealth as in the opinion of said committee  
14 should join in the appointment of probation officers  
15 to act exclusively in juvenile cases in each such court,  
16 and the district courts so designated or redesignated  
17 shall thereupon join in the appointment of full-time  
18 probation officers to act as aforesaid; provided, that  
19 the foregoing provisions shall not apply to the municipi-  
20 pal court of the city of Boston, nor to the Boston  
21 juvenile court nor to the other district courts in the  
22 county of Suffolk. Each such probation officer shall  
23 be appointed by the justices of the courts so joining,  
24 with the written approval of said administrative com-  
25 mittee, which committee shall consult the board of  
26 probation relative thereto; provided, that if a ma-  
27 jority of said justices fails to agree in the selection of a  
28 person for appointment as such probation officer  
29 within a period of thirty days after such designation  
30 by said administrative committee, such appointment  
31 shall be made by said administrative committee, which  
32 committee shall consult said board of probation rela-  
33 tive thereto. Each officer appointed under this sec-  
34 tion shall be removable for cause by the justices of the  
35 courts for which such appointment was made: pro-  
36 vided, that no such officer shall be removed or dis-  
37 charged from office unless such removal or discharge  
38 shall be approved in writing by said administrative  
39 committee after consultation with said board of pro-  
40 bation relative thereto. The justices of the courts

41 for which probation officers are appointed under this  
42 section shall fix the compensation of such officers  
43 in such amounts as may be approved by said adminis-  
44 strative committee and the county commissioners.  
45 Such justices shall annually, not later than the first  
46 Wednesday in December, submit to the county com-  
47 missioners of their respective counties estimates of  
48 the amounts necessary to pay the compensation for  
49 the ensuing year of the probation officers appointed  
50 hereunder, and said county commissioners shall in-  
51 clude such estimates in the estimates required by sec-  
52 tion twenty-eight of chapter thirty-five.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 276 is hereby further  
2 amended by inserting the following new section:—

3 *Section 83B.* The district courts so designated or  
4 redesignated in accordance with the provisions of  
5 the preceding section, shall appoint not less than one  
6 male and one female probation officer to act as afore-  
7 said. The judges of the courts so designated may re-  
8 quire such female probation officer so appointed to  
9 perform such other duties in connection with adult  
10 female probation as are not inconsistent with her  
11 primary duties as probation officer in juvenile cases.

