

By Mr. Cain of Wilmington, petition of Fred F. Cain for legislation to regulate the retirement or resignation of members of the judiciary. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATING TO RETIREMENT OR RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIARY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The second paragraph of chapter 32, section 65A of the
2 General Laws, as amended by chapter 513 of the acts of 1969, is
3 hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence thereof
4 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — A chief
5 justice, justice, associate justice, judge or associate judge of any
6 such court or courts appointed to any judicial office on or
7 before July thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, who,
8 after having served in any such office or offices at least ten years
9 continuously, notwithstanding that this continuous service may
10 involve one or more appointments made subsequent to July
11 thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and having attained
12 the age of seventy years, or who, after having served in any such
13 office or offices at least twenty years continuously, notwithstan-
14 ding that this continuous service may involve one or more
15 appointments made subsequent to July thirty-first, nineteen
16 hundred and fifty-six, and having attained the age of sixty-five
17 years, and a chief justice, justice, associate justice, judge or
18 associate judge of any such court or courts appointed to any
19 judicial office after July thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-
20 six and prior to January second nineteen hundred and seventy-
21 five who after having served in any such office or offices at least

22 fifteen years continuously and having attained the age of sixty
23 years but not having attained the age of seventy years, shall
24 resign his office, shall thereupon be entitled to receive a pension
25 for life at an annual rate equal to three-fourths of the annual
26 rate of salary payable to him at the time of such resignation, to
27 be paid from the same source and in the same manner as the
28 salaries of like judicial officers of his court are paid.