
 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

 EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR
 ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE
 BUREAU OF PERSONNEL

294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON 02108, FEBRUARY 4, 1975.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to G. L. c. 30, s. 46 (1), as amended by St. 1973, c. 428, s. 1, I hereby report that the percentum difference between the average cost-of-living for the year 1974 and the average cost-of-living for the year 1973, both as shown by the United States Consumer Price Index for such years, is 11.0%. This determination was made in the following manner:

<u>1973</u>		<u>1974</u>	
January	127.7	January	139.7
February	128.6	February	141.5
March	129.8	March	143.1
April	130.7	April	143.9
May	131.5	May	145.5
June	132.4	June	146.9
July	132.7	July	148.0
August	135.1	August	149.9
September	135.5	September	151.7
October	136.6	October	153.0
November	137.6	November	154.3
December	138.5	December	155.4
AVERAGE:	133.1		147.7
			147.7
			- 133.1
			<hr/> 14.6

$$(14.6 \times 100) \div 133.1 = 11.0$$

Accordingly, this report is accompanied by recommended legislation to provide a 11.0% increase in the salaries of justices of the courts of the Commonwealth as provided in said s. 46 (1).

I should point out that St. 1974, c. 558, established the salaries of the registers of probate in Dukes and Nantucket counties at nine thousand two hundred and ninety-three dollars, whereas the salaries of all other registers of probate are set at seventy-five per cent of the judges' salaries in their respective counties.

Very truly yours,

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING COST-OF-LIVING SALARY ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE JUSTICES OF THE COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. Section 14 of chapter 185 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as amended by
3 section 1 of chapter 558 of the acts of 1974, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence: — The judge and associate judges
5 of the land court shall each receive a salary of forty thousand one
6 hundred and eighty-five dollars and each shall annually receive,
7 upon the certificate of the judge, the amount of expenses incurred
8 by him in the discharge of his duties, to be paid by the
9 Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence as amended by
3 section 2 of said chapter 558 and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — The chief justice of the court shall receive a
5 salary of forty-six thousand eight hundred and eighty-two dollars
6 and each associate justice, a salary of forty-five thousand two
7 hundred and seventy-five dollars; and the chief justice and each
8 associate justice shall annually receive from the commonwealth,
9 upon certificate of the chief justice, the amount of expenses
10 incurred by them in the discharge of their duties.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as amended by
3 section 3 of said chapter 558, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — The chief justice shall receive a salary of
5 forty-three thousand five hundred and thirty-four dollars and
6 each associate justice, a salary of forty-one thousand nine
7 hundred and twenty-six dollars; and the chief justice and each

8 associate justice shall annually receive from the commonwealth,
 9 upon the certificate of the chief justice, the amount of expenses
 10 incurred by them in the discharge of their duties.

1 SECTION 4. The first sentence of section 14E of chapter 212
 2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words
 3 "one hundred and twenty-one", inserted by section 4 of said
 4 chapter 558, and inserting in place thereof the words: — one
 5 hundred and thirty-four.

1 SECTION 5. Said chapter 212 is hereby further amended by
 2 striking out the first sentence of section 27, as amended by section
 3 5 of said chapter 558, and inserting in place thereof the following
 4 sentence: — The chief justice shall receive a salary of forty-one
 5 thousand nine hundred and twenty-six dollars and each associate
 6 justice, a salary of forty thousand one hundred and eighty-five
 7 dollars; and the chief justice and each associate justice shall
 8 annually receive from the commonwealth, upon the certificate of
 9 the chief justice, the amount of the expenses incurred by them in
 10 the discharge of their duties.

1 SECTION 6. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby
 2 amended by striking out section 34, as amended by section 6 of
 3 said chapter 558, and inserting in place thereof the following
 4 section: —

5 *Section 34.* The salaries of all judges of probate shall be paid
 6 by the commonwealth and, except for the salary of the judge of
 7 probate designated under section two A to have and perform the
 8 duties described in section eight, are hereby established as
 9 follows: —

<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>SALARIES</u>
Suffolk	\$35,229
Middlesex	35,229
Norfolk	35,229
Essex	35,229
Hampden	35,229
Worcester	35,229

Bristol	35,229
Plymouth	35,229
Barnstable	35,229
Berkshire	35,229
Franklin	35,229
Hampshire	35,229
Nantucket	35,229
Dukes	12,591

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

1 SECTION 6A. Section 35A of chapter 217 is hereby amended
2 by striking out the second sentence, as most recently amended by
3 section 6A of chapter 558 and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence:— The salaries of the registers of probate in
5 the counties of Dukes and Nantucket shall be ten thousand three
6 hundred and fifteen dollars.

1 SECTION 7. The second paragraph of section 6 of chapter
2 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the
3 second sentence, as amended by section 7 of said chapter 558, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— He shall
5 receive a salary of thirty-five thousand two hundred and twenty-
6 nine dollars for his combined services as chief justice and as
7 justice of the court to which he was appointed.

1 SECTION 8. The fourth paragraph of said section 6 of said
2 chapter 218 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence,
3 as amended by section 8 of said chapter 558, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following sentence:— Special justices of the
5 district courts other than the municipal court of the city of
6 Boston, and special justices of the Boston juvenile court shall be
7 paid by the county sixty-eight dollars for each day's services, or at
8 the rate by the day of the salary of the justices of the same court,
9 whichever is the greater amount.

1 SECTION 9. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 75, as amended by section 9 of said chapter
3 558, and inserting in place thereof the following section:

4 *Section 75.* The salary of the chief justice of the municipal
5 court of the city of Boston shall be thirty-five thousand two
6 hundred and twenty-nine dollars, and the salary of each of the
7 associate justices shall be thirty-three thousand four hundred and
8 eighty-six dollars.

1 SECTION 10. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 76, as amended by section 10 of said chapter
3 558, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 76.* The salary of the justice of the Boston juvenile
5 court shall be thirty-five thousand two hundred and twenty-nine
6 dollars.

1 SECTION 11. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 76A, as amended by section 11 of said chapter
3 558, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

4 *Section 76A.* The salary of the justices of the Worcester
5 juvenile court, the Bristol County juvenile court and the
6 Springfield juvenile court shall be thirty-three thousand four
7 hundred and eighty-six dollars.

1 SECTION 12. Section 77A of said chapter 218 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended by
3 section 12 of said chapter 558, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph:—

5 The salaries of the justices of the—
6 first district court of Barnstable,
7 second district court of Barnstable,
8 district court of central Berkshire,
9 first district court of Bristol,
10 second district court of Bristol,
11 third district court of Bristol,
12 fourth district court of Bristol,
13 district court of Franklin,
14 district court of Lawrence

- 15 first district court of Essex,
- 16 district court of eastern Essex,
- 17 district court of southern Essex,
- 18 central district court of northern Essex,
- 19 district court of Peabody,
- 20 district court of Springfield,
- 21 district court of western Hampden,
- 22 district court of Holyoke,
- 23 district court of eastern Hampden,
- 24 district court of Hampshire,
- 25 first district court of eastern Middlesex,
- 26 second district court of eastern Middlesex,
- 27 third district court of eastern Middlesex,
- 28 fourth district court of eastern Middlesex,
- 29 first district court of southern Middlesex,
- 30 district court of Lowell,
- 31 district court of central Middlesex,
- 32 first district court of northern Middlesex,
- 33 district court of Marlborough,
- 34 district court of Newton,
- 35 district court of Somerville,
- 36 municipal court of Brookline,
- 37 district court of southern Norfolk,
- 38 district court of northern Norfolk,
- 39 district court of East Norfolk,
- 40 district court of western Norfolk,
- 41 district court of Brockton,
- 42 second district court of Plymouth,
- 43 third district court of Plymouth,
- 44 fourth district court of Plymouth,
- 45 municipal court of the Brighton district,
- 46 municipal court of the Charlestown district,
- 47 district court of Chelsea,
- 48 municipal court of the Dorchester district,
- 49 East Boston district court,
- 50 municipal court of the Roxbury district,
- 51 municipal court of the South Boston district,
- 52 municipal court of the West Roxbury district,

53 central district court of Worcester,
54 first district court of eastern Worcester,
55 second district court of eastern Worcester,
56 first district court of southern Worcester,
57 second district court of southern Worcester,
58 third district court of southern Worcester,
59 first district court of northern Worcester,
60 and district court of Fitchburg shall be
61 thirty-three thousand four hundred and eighty-six dollars each.

1 SECTION 13. Section 77B of said chapter 218 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the second paragraph, as amended by
3 section 13 of said chapter 558, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph: — Special justices, when sitting at the order
5 of the chief justice of the district courts, shall receive from the
6 county in which they sit payment computed at the rate by the day
7 of the salary of the justice of the district court in which they sit, or
8 sixty-eight dollars per day, whichever is greater.

1 SECTION 14. Section 78 of said chapter 218 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended by
3 section 14 of said chapter 558, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following paragraph: —
5 The salary of the justice of each of the following district
6 courts —
7 district court of Newburyport,
8 district court of Chicopee,
9 shall be thirteen thousand five hundred and thirty dollars;
10 the salary of the justice of each of the following district
11 courts —
12 district court of Leominster,
13 district court of northern Berkshire,
14 district court of Natick
15 district court of western Worcester,
16 second district court of Essex,
17 fourth district court of Berkshire,
18 district court of eastern Hampshire,
19 district court of Southern Berkshire,
20 district court of Lee,

21 shall be eleven thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven dollars;
22 the salary of the justice of each of the following district
23 courts —
24 third district court of Essex,
25 district court of Winchendon,
26 district court of eastern Franklin,
27 district court of Williamstown,
28 shall be ten thousand one hundred and eighty dollars;
29 and the salary of the justices of each of the
30 following district courts
31 district court of Nantucket,
32 district court of Dukes County,
33 shall be eleven thousand one hundred and eighteen dollars.

1 SECTION 15. This act shall take effect as of January first,
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

